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UNEMPLOYMENT REMAINS HIGH

The Statewide actual unemployment rate remained at 9.1 percent between August and September, as the number of jobless increased by 3,300 to 743,300 in mid-September. There were almost 160,000 more jobless in Texas in September 1986 than there were in September 1985, when the actual rate was 7.2 percent. Total employment in the actual series increased by 35,000 in September, to 7,423,700, but was still over 91,000 below its year-ago level.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Sep. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sep. 1985
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	118,244.0	119,470.0	115,851.0
Unemployment	8,015.0	7,955.0	7,984.0
Percent Unemployed	6.8	6.7	6.9
Total Employment	110,229.0	111,515.0	107,867.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	118,220.0	118,182.0	115,790.0
Unemployment	8,329.0	8,027.0	8,271.0
Percent Unemployed	7.0	6.8	7.1
Total Employment	109,891.0	110,155.0	107,519.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,167.0	8,128.7	8,100.0
Unemployment	743.3	740.0	584.6
Percent Unemployed	9.1	9.1	7.2
Total Employment	7,423.7	7,388.7	7,515.4
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,130.0	8,068.0	8,067.0
Unemployment	730.0	740.0	574.0
Percent Unemployed	9.0	9.2	7.1
Total Employment	7,400.0	7,328.0	7,493.0

In the seasonally adjusted series, the State's unemployment rate slid from 9.2 percent in August to 9.0 percent in September -- still about 2 percentage points above the September 1985 rate. Unemployment decreased by 10,000 in the seasonally adjusted series, while employment rose by 72,000 over the month. Texas unemployment rates continue to be considerably above National levels, as the U. S. actual rate in September was 6.8 percent and the seasonally adjusted rate was 7.0 percent.

NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT CLIMBS SEASONALLY

The count of nonfarm salaried jobs in Texas rose slightly in September, due to the staffing of schools for the fall semester. This expansion, primarily in the government sector, pushed the total up by 22.200 over the month. Between September 1985 and September 1986, however, the State has lost some 44,700 jobs. Declines are

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Sep.'86*	Aug.'86**	Sep.'85**	Sep.'86*	Aug.'86**	Sep.'85**	Sep.'86*	Aug.'86**	Sep.'85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	52,600	51,500	53,900	80,900	80,400	82,100	366,800	359,100	363,600
Manufacturing	4,900	5,000	5,400	9,900	10,100	10,300	40,600	40,700	42,000
Mining	3,300	3,300	4,000	1,300	1,400	1,800	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,900	4,100	4,700	25,200	25,500	28,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,900	6,000	6,000	6,300	11,700	11,700	10,800
Trade	14,400	14,400	14,400	24,700	24,700	24,300	82,600	82,500	81,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,800	2,800	2,800	4,400	4,400	4,400	25,600	25,700	25,000
Services & Misc.	13,600	13,000	13,400	16,500	16,600	16,200	85,700	85,300	82,500
Government	8,000	7,400	8,100	14,200	13,100	14,100	94,300	86,600	93,000
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	128,600	127,200	135,900	57,100	56,100	58,600	65,600	65,600	65,200
Manufacturing	25,000	25,200	26,900	15,200	15,400	16,500	9,400	9,500	9,800
Mining	1,200	1,200	2,400	1,300	1,300	1,900	100	100	100
Construction	8,600	8,500	9,900	5,700	5,600	6,000	3,100	3,200	3,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,600	9,600	10,100	2,000	2,000	2,200	3,400	3,600	3,400
Trade	31,800	31,900	33,000	11,300	11,300	11,400	18,400	18,600	18,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,300	5,700	2,300	2,300	2,300	3,500	3,600	3,500
Services & Misc.	27,000	27,100	27,700	8,500	8,300	8,100	12,800	13,800	12,400
Government	20,100	18,400	20,200	10,800	9,900	10,200	14,900	13,200	14,500
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	48,300	46,600	48,300	135,100	133,600	137,200	1,345.4	1,345.4	1,321.1
Manufacturing	3,100	3,200	3,800	12,200	12,300	13,100	234.0	235.5	233.1
Mining	1,000	1,000	1,300	6,100	6,100	7,900	20.7	21.6	23.9
Construction	2,400	2,500	2,500	11,800	12,000	11,300	77.1	79.7	87.2
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,600	7,600	7,600	7,700	85.9	86.4	84.5
Trade	11,200	11,200	11,200	34,400	34,200	34,700	357.9	359.5	350.4
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,900	2,100	6,900	6,900	7,000	133.0	134.2	127.5
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,500	7,400	28,200	27,700	27,900	293.6	294.5	279.0
Government	20,000	17,800	18,400	27,900	26,800	27,600	143.2	134.0	135.5
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	178,300	176,300	180,400	510,100	510,000	510,600	72,300	71,700	72,600
Manufacturing	34,700	34,600	38,200	115,300	115,400	115,200	9,600	9,700	10,000
Mining	300	300	400	3,400	3,500	4,400	400	400	800
Construction	9,500	9,500	9,600	33,500	34,100	34,500	2,700	2,800	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,100	9,200	9,700	28,000	28,100	26,700	5,800	5,600	5,600
Trade	46,000	46,100	44,700	136,500	137,900	138,100	14,000	14,500	14,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,400	9,500	9,100	28,000	28,400	28,200	4,700	4,700	4,600
Services & Misc.	34,000	34,100	33,400	106,200	106,500	102,900	13,400	13,600	13,000
Government	35,300	33,000	35,300	59,200	56,100	60,600	21,700	20,400	21,100

no longer confined to oil and gas-related industries, but have spread through many sectors of the State's economy. In fact, the only significant growth recorded in September was generated by the gains in private and public education.

Government added 46,600 jobs in September, primarily in the local sector, as schools and colleges added workers for the fall semester. The opening of state universities and other schools was responsible for the sizeable growth in state government. Expansion in educational services generated enough jobs to overcome other declines within services, pushing the total for this segment up by 3,100 over the month.

Almost 9,000 construction jobs were deleted in September, as both general and special trades contractors registered large decreases. Construction is not likely to accelerate until the current glut of finished projects has been somewhat depleted.

Oil and gas extraction declined again in September, with an additional 5,000 jobs lost. Mining is currently 62,800 (or 25 percent) below its year-ago level; and while cutbacks have slowed, they show no immediate signs of stopping. Finance, insurance and real estate employment dropped sharply over the month, as 4,500 jobs were deleted. Much of this loss occurred in other finance, insurance and real estate, where several real estate firms filed for bankruptcy due to the slump in real estate sales. Some banks were also closed, following over-extension on loans.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Sep.'86*	Aug.'86**	Sep.'85**	Sep.'86*	Aug.'86**	Sep.'85**	Sep.'86*	Aug.'86**	Sep.'85**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,465.1	1,460.8	1,494.0	68,300	68,400	67,200	35,700	35,500	35,200
Manufacturing	158.4	159.1	173.3	8,800	9,000	8,700	2,000	2,000	1,800
Mining	78.3	79.4	91.5	100	100	100	1,500	1,600	2,000
Construction	98.1	98.6	108.2	3,900	3,900	4,500	1,300	1,400	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	97.9	97.4	101.7	2,800	2,900	2,900	3,600	3,700	3,800
Trade	370.9	370.8	380.4	16,500	16,600	16,300	10,800	10,600	10,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	114.0	115.5	111.3	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,600	1,600	1,500
Services & Misc.	357.0	357.7	346.6	13,500	13,400	12,500	6,200	6,200	5,800
Government	190.5	182.3	181.0	19,700	19,500	19,200	8,700	8,400	8,100
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	67,400	66,600	69,000	92,000	90,000	92,600	85,100	82,200	82,500
Manufacturing	15,500	15,500	16,300	7,300	7,300	7,800	11,800	11,700	11,000
Mining	4,100	4,200	4,500	400	400	500	1,400	1,300	1,600
Construction	3,100	3,100	3,700	4,300	4,400	4,900	4,400	4,700	4,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,500	3,500	3,600	4,400	4,500	4,600	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	17,900	17,600	17,800	27,800	27,100	27,500	25,400	25,200	24,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,400	5,200	5,400	5,300	3,900	3,900	4,000
Services & Misc.	11,700	11,600	11,800	20,400	20,300	20,100	13,500	13,400	12,900
Government	8,000	7,500	7,900	22,200	20,600	21,900	22,100	19,400	21,100
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	46,000	45,900	49,300	46,100	45,800	52,400	36,800	36,000	37,800
Manufacturing	3,500	3,600	3,800	4,200	4,300	5,100	5,900	5,700	5,600
Mining	9,000	9,100	11,300	6,700	6,800	9,000	600	600	900
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,400	2,400	2,300	3,400	2,100	2,100	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,300	2,400	2,300	2,300	2,600	2,800	2,800	3,200
Trade	10,800	10,800	11,100	13,300	13,200	14,800	9,500	9,500	9,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,100	3,200	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	2,000
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,900	9,000	8,000	7,900	8,200	7,400	7,300	7,600
Government	6,300	5,800	6,100	7,400	7,100	7,400	6,600	6,100	6,600
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	484,100	480,700	483,500	37,600	37,300	37,100	46,100	45,500	45,900
Manufacturing	48,600	48,500	50,400	11,100	11,400	11,700	7,300	7,200	7,800
Mining	2,600	2,700	3,400	300	300	300	--	--	--
Construction	34,400	35,400	36,900	1,900	1,800	1,600	1,900	2,100	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,200	18,400	19,300	1,900	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,900
Trade	126,200	126,800	126,200	8,600	8,400	8,100	11,500	11,500	10,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	37,000	37,300	36,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	110,500	110,300	107,700	7,300	7,200	7,100	9,100	9,000	8,700
Government	106,600	101,300	103,200	5,100	4,800	4,900	12,400	11,800	12,600
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
TOTAL	63,600	63,200	63,400	27,600	27,800	30,100	78,300	76,700	79,200
Manufacturing	10,900	10,900	11,900	3,200	3,200	3,200	14,900	15,600	16,700
Mining	2,100	2,200	2,800	2,100	2,300	3,200	200	200	200
Construction	2,700	2,700	3,000	1,800	1,800	2,400	4,600	4,700	4,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,900	3,000	3,100	1,500	1,500	1,700	3,600	3,600	3,500
Trade	18,400	18,300	17,200	7,700	7,900	8,400	19,400	19,000	19,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,000	4,000	4,000	1,500	1,500	1,600	4,700	4,800	4,700
Services & Misc.	13,800	13,800	13,100	5,600	5,500	5,400	18,900	18,000	18,500
Government	8,800	8,300	8,300	4,200	4,100	4,200	12,000	10,800	11,700
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	51,600	50,900	52,500						
Manufacturing	8,400	8,500	8,600						
Mining	2,500	2,500	3,000						
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,200						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800						
Trade	12,900	12,900	13,000						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,300	2,400						
Services & Misc.	10,000	9,900	9,900						
Government	10,500	9,800	10,600						

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Sep. 1986*	Aug. 1986**	Sep. 1985**	Change From Aug. 1986	Change From Sep. 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,666,300	6,644,100	6,711,000	22,200	-44,700
Manufacturing	964,100	968,900	1,001,200	-4,800	-37,100
Durable Goods	562,300	563,400	591,700	-1,100	-29,400
Lumber & Wood Products	40,900	41,400	42,100	-500	-1,200
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,900	7,700	7,700	200	200
Furniture & Fixtures	17,600	17,300	18,200	300	-600
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	47,400	47,600	50,100	-200	-2,700
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	22,500	22,500	24,100	0	-1,600
Primary Metal Industries	29,300	29,500	33,800	-200	-4,500
Fabricated Metal Industries	76,500	76,900	83,800	-400	-7,300
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	40,100	40,100	43,600	0	-3,500
Machinery, Except Electrical	114,600	115,200	133,500	-600	-18,900
Oil Field Machinery	25,900	26,300	39,300	-400	-13,400
Electric & Electronic Equipment	117,700	117,900	113,900	-200	3,800
Transportation Equipment	84,000	83,200	80,200	800	3,800
Aircraft & Parts	48,500	48,000	42,000	500	6,500
Instruments & Related Products	22,100	22,300	23,500	-200	-1,400
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,200	12,100	12,600	100	-400
Nondurable Goods	401,800	405,500	409,500	-3,700	-7,700
Food & Kindred Products	100,700	100,200	97,800	500	2,900
Meat Products	27,500	27,600	26,800	-100	700
Dairy Products	5,300	5,400	5,400	-100	-100
Bakery Products	10,900	10,800	10,900	100	0
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	-100
Textile Mill Products	3,900	4,000	4,800	-100	-900
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	54,000	55,200	57,500	-1,200	-3,500
Paper & Allied Products	23,100	23,000	23,100	100	0
Printing & Publishing	76,000	76,100	74,400	-100	1,600
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,200	38,400	36,700	-200	1,500
Chemicals & Allied Products	71,900	75,000	77,200	-3,100	-5,300
Petroleum & Coal Products	31,300	31,500	32,600	-200	-1,300
Petroleum Refining	28,400	28,600	29,600	-200	-1,200
Leather & Leather Products	6,900	6,900	7,900	0	-1,000
Other Nondurable Goods	34,000	33,600	34,200	400	-200
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,702,200	5,675,200	5,709,800	27,000	-7,600
Mining	192,300	197,500	255,100	-5,200	-62,800
Oil & Gas Extraction	184,700	189,700	246,700	-5,000	-62,000
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	7,600	7,800	8,400	-200	-800
Construction	422,400	431,300	453,700	-8,900	-31,300
Transportation & Public Utilities	375,900	375,900	385,900	0	-10,000
Railroad Transportation	21,900	22,000	23,500	-100	-1,600
Transportation, Except Railroads	189,200	188,500	191,200	700	-2,000
Transportation by Air	51,900	51,600	48,700	300	3,200
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	87,400	87,500	90,200	-100	-2,800
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,400	77,900	81,000	-500	-3,600
Electric Services	45,400	45,700	45,700	-300	-300
Gas Production & Distribution	24,500	24,700	28,600	-200	-4,100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,719,000	1,723,100	1,716,800	-4,100	2,200
Wholesale Trade	433,600	434,600	446,300	-1,000	-12,700
Retail Trade	1,285,400	1,288,500	1,270,500	-3,100	14,900
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	48,200	49,400	54,400	-1,200	-6,200
General Merchandise Stores	166,100	164,800	160,500	1,300	5,600
Food Stores	238,900	237,300	228,300	1,600	10,600
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	147,300	147,100	147,000	200	300
Apparel & Accessory Stores	80,500	81,100	83,700	-600	-3,200
Other Retail Trade	604,400	608,800	596,600	-4,400	7,800
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	453,400	457,900	444,000	-4,500	9,400
Banking	103,400	104,500	107,500	-1,100	-4,100
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	143,200	143,600	134,800	-400	8,400
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	206,800	209,800	201,700	-3,000	5,100
Services	1,389,100	1,386,000	1,352,900	3,100	36,200
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	89,000	90,200	85,900	-1,200	3,100
Personal Services	83,600	83,800	79,500	-200	4,100
Business & Repair Services	383,300	382,800	376,000	500	7,300
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	57,100	57,300	53,800	-200	3,300
Health Services	362,000	363,800	349,100	-1,800	12,900
Educational Services	70,200	60,800	71,300	9,400	-1,100
Other Services & Miscellaneous	343,900	347,300	337,300	-3,400	6,600
Total Government	1,150,100	1,103,500	1,101,400	46,600	48,700
Total Federal Government	190,600	191,300	185,700	-700	4,900
Total State Government	241,800	231,300	232,900	10,500	8,900
Total Local Government	717,700	680,900	682,800	36,800	34,900

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Sep.'86*	Aug.'86**	Sep.'85**	Sep.'86*	Aug.'86**	Sep.'85**	Sep.'86*	Aug.'86**	Sep.'85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,800	55,800	56,000	101,000	100,500	102,700	422,500	414,100	416,800
Total Unemployment	5,400	5,400	3,100	6,700	6,600	6,000	24,400	23,900	19,400
Percent Unemployed	9.5	9.7	5.5	6.6	6.6	5.8	5.8	5.8	4.7
Total Employment 2/	51,400	50,400	52,900	94,300	93,900	96,700	398,100	390,200	397,400
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	159,200	158,600	169,300	79,400	78,800	79,500	94,800	93,900	91,400
Total Unemployment	22,500	23,700	23,400	9,000	9,200	7,100	15,400	14,100	12,900
Percent Unemployed	14.1	14.9	13.8	11.3	11.7	8.9	16.2	15.0	14.1
Total Employment 2/	136,700	134,900	145,900	70,400	69,600	72,400	79,400	79,800	78,500
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,100	55,100	56,500	166,600	166,600	167,400	1,389.1	1,388.3	1,371.0
Total Unemployment	3,600	3,800	2,900	20,200	20,100	15,900	81.5	80.2	69.7
Percent Unemployed	6.4	6.9	5.1	12.1	12.1	9.5	5.9	5.8	5.1
Total Employment 2/	52,500	51,300	53,600	146,400	146,500	151,500	1,307.6	1,308.1	1,301.3
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	221,000	212,600	216,800	637,900	638,200	639,600	106,500	105,900	107,500
Total Unemployment	29,800	24,600	22,800	42,200	42,600	36,000	12,000	12,000	11,200
Percent Unemployed	13.5	11.6	10.5	6.6	6.7	5.6	11.3	11.3	10.4
Total Employment 2/	191,200	188,000	194,000	595,700	595,600	603,600	94,500	93,900	96,300
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,659.3	1,657.2	1,656.9	88,000	87,800	86,700	44,100	44,100	42,500
Total Unemployment	174.3	175.9	132.5	7,200	6,900	6,700	7,000	7,100	5,300
Percent Unemployed	10.5	10.6	8.0	8.2	7.9	7.7	15.9	16.1	12.5
Total Employment 2/	1,485.0	1,481.3	1,524.4	80,800	80,900	80,000	37,100	37,000	37,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	81,200	81,100	81,600	108,900	106,700	109,900	136,200	132,200	133,500
Total Unemployment	10,000	10,500	8,000	7,100	7,100	6,400	27,100	26,300	25,600
Percent Unemployed	12.3	12.9	9.8	6.5	6.7	5.8	19.9	19.9	19.2
Total Employment 2/	71,200	70,600	73,600	101,800	99,600	103,500	109,100	105,900	107,900
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,000	53,100	53,100	60,100	60,100	61,400	44,600	43,900	44,800
Total Unemployment	6,500	6,500	3,000	10,500	10,600	4,100	3,300	3,200	2,400
Percent Unemployed	12.3	12.2	5.6	17.5	17.6	6.7	7.4	7.3	5.4
Total Employment 2/	46,500	46,600	50,100	49,600	49,500	57,300	41,300	40,700	42,400
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	556,700	553,400	557,700	46,900	46,800	46,600	56,500	56,400	57,600
Total Unemployment	42,200	41,200	36,300	3,800	3,800	3,500	4,700	4,900	5,000
Percent Unemployed	7.6	7.4	6.5	8.1	8.1	7.5	8.3	8.7	8.7
Total Employment 2/	514,500	512,200	521,400	43,100	43,000	43,100	51,800	51,500	52,600
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,500	77,200	75,700	37,000	37,400	38,800	89,700	88,400	89,200
Total Unemployment	7,300	7,200	5,500	4,000	4,100	2,700	7,000	7,100	5,000
Percent Unemployed	9.4	9.3	7.3	10.8	11.0	7.0	7.8	8.0	5.6
Total Employment 2/	70,200	70,000	70,200	33,000	33,300	36,100	82,700	81,300	84,200
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,900	56,300	56,800				8,167.0	8,128.7	8,100.0
Total Unemployment	4,800	4,800	3,200				743.3	740.0	584.6
Percent Unemployed	8.4	8.5	5.6				9.1	9.1	7.2
Total Employment 2/	52,100	51,500	53,600				7,423.7	7,388.7	7,515.4

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sep.± 1986	Aug. 1986	Sep. 1985	Sep.± 1986	Aug. 1986	Sep. 1985	Sep.± 1986	Aug. 1986	Sep. 1985
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 397.52	$ 399.90	$ 392.18	41.8	41.7	41.5	$ 9.51	$ 9.59	$ 9.45
Durable Goods	389.99	391.15	390.83	41.8	41.7	41.8	9.33	9.38	9.35
Lumber & Wood Products	273.38	272.83	269.20	40.5	40.6	40.0	6.75	6.72	6.73
Furniture & Fixtures	267.49	272.41	248.03	41.6	41.4	40.2	6.43	6.58	6.17
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	373.15	392.91	385.79	43.9	44.7	44.6	8.50	8.79	8.65
Primary Metal Industries	421.25	422.99	427.61	40.7	40.4	41.8	10.35	10.47	10.23
Fabricated Metal Products	367.69	364.91	369.41	40.9	40.5	41.6	8.99	9.01	8.88
Machinery, exc. Electric	398.65	392.90	406.14	41.7	40.8	42.0	9.56	9.63	9.67
Oil Field Machinery	440.19	442.66	490.45	40.2	39.7	42.5	10.95	11.15	11.54
Electric & Electronic Equip.	431.70	427.49	412.82	42.7	42.2	41.2	10.11	10.13	10.02
Transportation Equipment	518.13	530.18	535.03	42.4	43.6	42.7	12.22	12.16	12.53
Instruments & Related Prod.	343.80	346.72	339.08	40.4	40.6	41.2	8.51	8.54	8.23
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	286.27	261.87	256.86	42.6	40.6	38.8	6.72	6.45	6.62
Nondurable Goods	407.55	409.76	393.19	41.8	41.6	41.0	9.75	9.85	9.59
Food & Kindred Products	350.49	353.89	339.95	42.9	43.0	42.6	8.17	8.23	7.98
Meat Products	280.87	281.40	294.44	42.3	42.0	43.3	6.64	6.70	6.80
Malt Beverages	820.34	892.21	766.68	47.2	51.1	45.5	17.38	17.46	16.85
Textile Mill Products	314.80	308.96	281.79	44.4	43.7	41.5	7.09	7.07	6.79
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	192.65	194.40	192.03	37.7	37.1	37.0	5.11	5.24	5.19
Paper & Allied Products	461.91	445.73	449.83	44.5	42.9	42.8	10.38	10.39	10.51
Printing & Publishing	387.03	384.07	373.72	39.9	39.8	39.8	9.70	9.65	9.39
Chemicals & Allied Products	631.58	628.73	620.26	43.2	42.8	42.6	14.62	14.69	14.56
Petroleum & Coal Products	665.52	678.37	648.20	43.3	44.6	43.3	15.37	15.21	14.97
Petroleum Refining	692.80	706.26	675.81	43.3	44.7	43.1	16.00	15.80	15.68
Leather & Leather Products	221.48	214.23	229.12	39.2	37.0	38.9	5.65	5.79	5.89
Other Nondurable Goods	382.79	393.68	372.19	43.4	43.5	41.4	8.82	9.05	8.99
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	530.52	538.32	480.05	43.7	44.6	42.9	12.14	12.07	11.19
Oil & Gas Extraction	535.24	543.11	483.05	43.8	44.7	42.9	12.22	12.15	11.26
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	440.54	441.42	424.51	41.6	42.0	43.9	10.59	10.51	9.67
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	484.76	481.92	482.80	40.6	40.6	40.1	11.94	11.87	12.04
Elec., Gas & San. Services	448.11	448.39	461.84	40.7	40.8	40.3	11.01	10.99	11.46
Wholesale & Retail Trade	227.39	228.29	229.31	32.3	32.8	32.9	7.04	6.96	6.97
Wholesale Trade	383.27	378.50	379.45	39.8	39.8	39.9	9.63	9.51	9.51
Retail Trade	180.90	182.67	180.85	30.1	30.7	30.6	6.01	5.95	5.91
General Merchandise Stores	188.86	186.64	177.30	29.1	29.3	29.5	6.49	6.37	6.01
Banking	274.81	274.74	281.46	37.8	38.0	39.2	7.27	7.23	7.18

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 399.11	$ 401.20	$ 389.16	42.1	42.5	42.3	$ 9.48	$ 9.44	$ 9.20
Durable Goods	425.29	421.74	406.69	42.7	42.6	42.1	9.96	9.90	9.66
Nondurable Goods	353.87	366.34	357.40	41.1	42.4	42.7	8.61	8.64	8.37
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	403.10	401.02	395.62	41.6	41.6	41.6	9.69	9.64	9.51
Durable Goods	426.54	423.78	412.30	41.9	42.0	41.9	10.18	10.09	9.84
Nondurable Goods	341.04	343.88	354.19	40.6	40.6	40.9	8.40	8.47	8.66
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	481.60	484.92	477.91	43.0	42.8	42.9	11.20	11.33	11.14
Durable Goods	401.94	408.79	426.51	42.0	42.1	43.3	9.57	9.71	9.85
Nondurable Goods	575.04	572.90	549.90	44.2	43.5	42.3	13.01	13.17	13.00
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	294.59	296.87	299.96	40.3	40.5	40.7	7.31	7.33	7.37
Durable Goods	316.20	317.34	317.41	40.8	41.0	41.6	7.75	7.74	7.63
Nondurable Goods	274.11	276.00	283.69	39.9	40.0	39.9	6.87	6.90	7.11

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Both portions of trade suffered job losses in September, leaving it 4,100 below the August level. The wholesale sector contracted in response to slackened demand for oil well equipment and the retail sector declined due to sizeable seasonal downturns in eating and drinking places (other retail trade) and in building materials and garden supplies. Moderate increases in food stores and general merchandise stores were insufficient to overcome the larger drops. Within transportation and public utilities, small gains and losses were interspersed, leaving the sector as a whole unchanged over the month.

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Texas manufacturers continued cutbacks this month, as an additional 4,800 jobs were deleted, bringing the over-the-year decline to 37,100. The nondurable goods sector was responsible for the majority of the losses, with two substantial decreases. The largest of these was in chemicals and allied products, where workers employed in the manufacture of fertilizer were laid off. Apparel and other textile products was hurt, as two plants which were making men's and boys' apparel were closed permanently. Most of the other over-the-month changes in nondurable goods were minor.

Losses were moderate but numerous within durable goods in September, as several industries recorded losses. Continued cutbacks in oil field machinery produced further declines in nonelectrical machinery, leaving it 18,900 below the September 1985 level. Employment in fabricated metal industries also dropped over the month. There was less demand for lumber and wood products due to the slowdown in construction activity. The only notable increase in durable goods in September occurred in transportation equipment, where hiring by defense contractors in aircraft and parts continued.

HOURLY EARNINGS DECLINE

The number of manufacturing production workers in Texas decreased by 1,200 over the month, totaling 625,500 in mid-September. Average weekly hours for these workers edged upward by 0.1 hour, but average hourly earnings declined by 8¢ over the month, producing a loss of $2.38 in average weekly earnings. Although average hourly earnings declined in both durable and nondurable goods, the nondurable sector was responsible for most of the decrease.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Sep. 1986	Sep. 1985
Total Population	16,814,500	16,433,500*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.7	1.5
UI Covered Employers	313,857	312,093
Total Claims Actions	855,606	427,497
Total Initial Claims Actions	89,075	59,936
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	766,531	367,561
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$159.20	$144.08
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$113,890,360	$48,483,535
Total Placements	28,184	37,751

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

Over-the-year changes in both average hours worked and average hourly earnings were relatively small, as weekly hours rose 0.3 hour and hourly earnings increased by 6¢, pushing average weekly earnings up by $5.34.

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TEXAS
Labor Market Review

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE INCHES DOWNWARD

The continued slump in oil and gas-related industries and consequent losses in other economic sectors kept unemployment high in October 1986. The number of jobless Texans declined by 9,100 between September and October in the actual series, leaving 734,200 people actively seeking work in mid-October. The actual unemployment rate slid from 9.1 percent in September to 8.9 percent in October -- still well above the October 1985 rate of 7.6 percent. Total employment rose moderately over the month, fueled primarily by seasonal increases, but was only 8,900 above the year-ago level.

The seasonally adjusted rate rose over the month, from 9.0 percent to 9.5 percent, considerably higher than the 8.0 percent recorded in October 1985. Texas rates in both series continued to be well above those for the Nation, as the actual U. S. rate declined from 6.8 percent in September to 6.6 percent in October and the seasonally adjusted rate remained unchanged at 7.0 percent.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Oct. 1986	Sep. 1986	Oct. 1985
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	118,699.0	118,244.0	116,345.0
Unemployment	7,842.0	8,015.0	7,917.0
Percent Unemployed	6.6	6.8	6.8
Total Employment	110,857.0	110,229.0	108,428.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	118,482.0	118,220.0	116,114.0
Unemployment	8,242.0	8,329.0	8,301.0
Percent Unemployed	7.0	7.0	7.1
Total Employment	110,240.0	109,891.0	107,813.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,233.8	8,167.0	8,103.3
Unemployment	734.2	743.3	612.6
Percent Unemployed	8.9	9.1	7.6
Total Employment	7,499.6	7,423.7	7,490.7
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,241.0	8,130.0	8,111.0
Unemployment	781.0	730.0	650.0
Percent Unemployed	9.5	9.0	8.0
Total Employment	7,460.0	7,400.0	7,461.0

NONFARM SALARIED EMPLOYMENT RISES

Once again in October, primarily seasonal forces have provided the main impetus for growth in nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Texas. The completion of staffing for schools combined with hiring for the upcoming Holiday season to push nonfarm salaried jobs up by 17,800 in October, despite sizeable cutbacks in some other industries. The largest of the monthly increases occurred in government, where both state and local educational facilities hired auxiliary workers such as part-time faculty and student aides, pushing employment up by 22,300 in October.

School-related growth also created 3,300 new jobs in educational services -- the largest advance recorded within services. Agencies promoting business interests and those providing individual and family services also contributed sizeable increases to services. Moderate declines occurred in automotive repair and garages and in the miscellaneous repair sector.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Oct.'86*	Sep.'86**	Oct.'85**	Oct.'86*	Sep.'86**	Oct.'85**	Oct.'86*	Sep.'86**	Oct.'85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	52,800	52,500	54,100	80,800	80,700	82,800	367,900	366,900	367,300
Manufacturing	4,900	4,900	5,400	10,000	9,800	10,400	40,200	40,300	42,000
Mining	3,300	3,200	4,000	1,200	1,300	1,800	1,000	1,100	1,100
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,900	4,000	3,900	4,700	24,600	25,300	27,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,900	5,900	6,000	6,300	11,600	11,700	11,000
Trade	14,500	14,400	14,300	24,600	24,800	24,400	82,700	82,800	82,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,800	2,800	2,800	4,300	4,400	4,500	25,600	25,700	25,300
Services & Misc.	13,600	13,700	13,600	16,500	16,500	16,300	85,900	85,800	83,300
Government	8,100	7,900	8,200	14,300	14,000	14,400	96,300	94,200	94,800
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	128,700	128,500	135,400	57,200	57,300	59,000	65,500	65,700	64,600
Manufacturing	25,200	25,000	26,500	15,200	15,300	16,400	9,100	9,400	9,400
Mining	1,200	1,100	2,500	1,400	1,400	1,900	100	100	100
Construction	8,500	8,600	9,900	5,900	5,800	6,200	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,500	9,600	10,100	1,900	2,000	2,100	3,300	3,400	3,300
Trade	31,800	31,800	32,600	11,100	11,300	11,200	18,200	18,400	18,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,300	5,700	2,200	2,300	2,300	3,500	3,500	3,500
Services & Misc.	27,000	27,000	27,700	8,300	8,400	8,300	12,900	12,900	12,400
Government	20,200	20,100	20,400	11,200	10,800	10,600	15,300	14,900	14,700
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	48,600	48,000	51,300	134,300	135,100	137,600	1,346.2	1,348.8	1,326.2
Manufacturing	3,100	3,100	3,600	12,200	12,200	13,100	233.5	234.3	233.6
Mining	1,000	1,000	1,400	6,100	6,100	7,800	20.3	20.6	23.8
Construction	2,300	2,400	2,800	11,400	11,700	11,400	74.3	77.4	86.2
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,600	7,300	7,400	7,700	86.1	86.1	84.3
Trade	10,900	11,200	11,300	34,200	34,500	34,700	359.0	358.3	353.0
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,800	2,000	6,900	6,900	6,900	132.8	133.3	127.3
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,200	7,600	28,200	28,400	28,000	293.9	294.5	279.5
Government	20,800	19,800	21,000	28,000	27,900	28,000	146.3	144.3	138.5
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	178,000	178,200	178,500	510,000	510,000	509,700	71,800	71,900	72,800
Manufacturing	33,100	34,100	36,500	115,500	115,500	115,200	9,200	9,600	10,000
Mining	200	300	400	3,300	3,400	4,500	400	400	800
Construction	9,200	9,500	9,200	31,900	32,900	33,600	2,900	2,700	3,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,400	9,100	9,500	28,600	28,300	27,000	5,600	5,800	5,600
Trade	46,000	46,100	44,500	136,300	136,400	138,200	13,600	13,700	13,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,400	9,400	9,100	28,300	28,100	28,400	4,700	4,700	4,600
Services & Misc.	34,100	33,800	33,500	105,600	106,300	101,500	12,900	13,300	12,800
Government	36,600	35,900	35,800	60,500	59,100	61,300	22,500	21,700	21,800

Despite continued losses in the wholesale portion due in large part to a lack of demand for oil field equipment, the retail sector of trade generated enough new jobs to pull the trade total up by 5,000 in October. General merchandise stores and apparel and accessory stores began adding positions preparatory to the Holiday season. Food stores actually exhibited the most expansion within trade, but many of these jobs were part-time. This industry has added almost 14,000 jobs over the past year -- more than any other retail sector.

Losses were fairly widespread throughout both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing in October, and although 21,400 nonmanufacturing jobs were added, this sector is currently 6,500 below its year-ago level. Two nonmanufacturing industries -- mining and construction -- have borne the brunt of the cutbacks during the past year. The good news concerning mining is that only 900 jobs were lost in October, the smallest monthly decrease since the downturn began well over a year ago. The bad news is that employment in this industry is now 60,100 below its October 1985 level.

Construction recorded the largest over-the-month loss of any major industry group in October, as 7,600 jobs were deleted. Speculative overbuilding of offices and homes was also the main cause of the large decline in the real estate portion of finance, insurance and real estate. This loss, along with a smaller one in banking, pushed

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Oct.'86*	Sep.'86**	Oct.'85**	Oct.'86*	Sep.'86**	Oct.'85**	Oct.'86*	Sep.'86**	Oct.'85**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,463.6	1,462.9	1,501.8	68,000	68,400	67,400	35,500	35,500	34,700
Manufacturing	158.5	158.3	172.9	8,600	8,800	8,600	2,000	2,000	1,800
Mining	77.5	77.9	90.6	--	--	--	1,500	1,500	1,900
Construction	97.3	98.2	107.7	3,600	3,900	4,300	1,400	1,300	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	96.2	96.9	101.4	2,800	2,800	2,900	3,600	3,600	3,800
Trade	370.2	370.6	382.4	16,400	16,400	16,300	10,600	10,800	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	111.5	113.5	111.8	2,900	3,000	2,900	1,600	1,600	1,400
Services & Misc.	356.2	356.3	348.8	13,700	13,700	12,900	6,200	6,200	5,800
Government	196.2	191.2	186.2	20,000	19,800	19,500	8,600	8,500	8,100
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	66,600	66,500	69,200	92,100	92,000	93,100	86,100	84,900	83,700
Manufacturing	15,300	15,500	16,500	7,500	7,300	7,900	11,800	11,800	11,700
Mining	4,100	4,100	4,400	300	400	600	1,400	1,400	1,600
Construction	3,100	3,000	3,600	4,100	4,300	4,800	4,400	4,400	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,500	3,500	3,500	4,300	4,400	4,500	2,700	2,600	2,600
Trade	17,400	17,500	17,700	27,800	27,800	27,600	25,800	25,300	25,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,500	5,300	5,300	5,400	3,900	3,900	4,000
Services & Misc.	11,700	11,400	11,900	20,400	20,400	20,200	13,500	13,500	12,900
Government	7,900	7,900	8,100	22,400	22,100	22,100	22,600	22,000	21,400
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	45,900	46,000	49,000	45,700	46,000	52,000	36,800	36,500	37,500
Manufacturing	3,500	3,500	3,700	4,200	4,200	5,100	5,900	5,900	5,400
Mining	8,600	8,800	11,300	6,600	6,700	9,000	500	600	900
Construction	2,400	2,200	2,400	2,200	2,400	3,300	2,000	2,100	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,200	2,400	2,300	2,300	2,600	2,800	2,800	3,100
Trade	10,700	10,700	10,900	13,300	13,300	14,500	9,600	9,500	9,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,100	3,200	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,900	2,000
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,900	9,000	8,100	8,100	8,200	7,300	7,300	7,400
Government	6,600	6,600	6,100	7,200	7,200	7,400	6,800	6,400	6,800
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	484,700	483,500	484,600	37,800	37,500	37,200	45,800	46,200	45,800
Manufacturing	48,100	48,400	49,900	11,200	11,100	11,800	7,200	7,200	7.700
Mining	2,700	2,600	3,400	300	300	300	--	--	--
Construction	33,000	34,000	36,700	1,800	1,900	1,500	1,900	2,100	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,000	18,200	19,300	2,000	1,900	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,900
Trade	126,100	126,300	125,700	8,600	8,500	8,100	11,400	11,500	10,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	37,200	37,000	36,700	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	110,800	110,100	108,900	7,400	7,300	7,100	8,800	9,100	8,600
Government	108,800	106,900	104,000	5,100	5,100	5,000	12,600	12,400	12,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
TOTAL	63,200	63,000	63,500	27,700	27,600	29,000	78,700	78,300	79,600
Manufacturing	11,200	11,000	11,800	3,200	3,200	2,900	15,000	14,900	16,700
Mining	2,100	2,100	2,800	2,200	2,100	2,800	--	--	--
Construction	2,700	2,700	3,000	1,700	1,800	2,600	4,400	4,600	4,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,000	2,900	3,100	1,400	1,400	1,500	3,500	3,600	3,600
Trade	17,900	18,100	17,400	7,600	7,600	8,300	19,200	19,300	19,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,000	4,000	3,900	1,500	1,500	1,600	4,700	4,700	4,600
Services & Misc.	13,700	13,700	13,000	5,700	5,700	5,100	19,500	19,200	19,100
Government	8,600	8,500	8,500	4,400	4,300	4,200	12,400	12,000	11,900
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	51,300	51,600	52,100						
Manufacturing	8,300	8,400	8,400						
Mining	2,500	2,500	3,000						
Construction	2,100	2,200	2,100						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800						
Trade	12,900	12,900	13,100						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,300	2,400						
Services & Misc.	10,000	10,000	9,900						
Government	10,400	10,500	10,400						

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Oct. 1986*	Sep. 1986**	Oct. 1985**	Change From Sep. 1986	Change From Oct. 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,693,800	6,676,000	6,737,000	17,800	-43,200
Manufacturing	963,200	966,800	999,900	-3,600	-36,700
Durable Goods	559,900	562,800	590,600	-2,900	-30,700
Lumber & Wood Products	40,600	40,900	42,300	-300	-1,700
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,900	7,800	7,800	100	100
Furniture & Fixtures	17,800	17,700	18,100	100	-300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	46,600	47,400	49,900	-800	-3,300
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	22,000	22,500	24,000	-500	-2,000
Primary Metal Industries	29,800	30,000	33,600	-200	-3,800
Fabricated Metal Industries	76,200	76,400	83,400	-200	-7,200
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	39,600	39,800	43,400	-200	-3,800
Machinery, Except Electrical	112,200	114,200	132,600	-2,000	-20,400
Oil Field Machinery	24,800	25,800	38,600	-1,000	-13,800
Electric & Electronic Equipment	117,600	117,700	113,700	-100	3,900
Transportation Equipment	84,600	84,000	80,200	600	4,400
Aircraft & Parts	49,600	48,500	42,200	1,100	7,400
Instruments & Related Products	22,000	22,300	23,700	-300	-1,700
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,500	12,200	13,100	300	-600
Nondurable Goods	403,300	404,000	409,300	-700	-6,000
Food & Kindred Products	99,400	100,500	97,000	-1,100	2,400
Meat Products	27,300	27,500	27,000	-200	300
Dairy Products	5,300	5,300	5,400	0	-100
Bakery Products	11,200	10,900	10,800	300	400
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,000	3,100	100	0
Textile Mill Products	4,100	3,900	4,900	200	-800
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	53,300	54,100	57,600	-800	-4,300
Paper & Allied Products	23,200	23,100	23,200	100	0
Printing & Publishing	76,000	75,900	74,900	100	1,100
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,100	38,100	36,800	0	1,300
Chemicals & Allied Products	74,500	74,200	77,300	300	-2,800
Petroleum & Coal Products	31,300	31,300	32,600	0	-1,300
Petroleum Refining	28,400	28,400	29,600	0	-1,200
Leather & Leather Products	7,000	6,900	7,800	100	-800
Other Nondurable Goods	34,500	34,100	34,000	400	500
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,730,600	5,709,200	5,737,100	21,400	-6,500
Mining	193,100	194,000	253,200	-900	-60,100
Oil & Gas Extraction	185,600	186,500	244,800	-900	-59,200
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	7,500	7,500	8,400	0	-900
Construction	415,100	422,700	453,300	-7,600	-38,200
Transportation & Public Utilities	374,600	374,800	383,700	-200	-9,100
Railroad Transportation	21,600	21,600	23,700	0	-2,100
Transportation, Except Railroads	188,400	188,800	188,800	-400	-400
Transportation by Air	52,600	51,800	48,600	800	4,000
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	87,100	87,100	90,200	0	-3,100
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,500	77,300	81,000	200	-3,500
Electric Services	45,100	45,500	45,800	-400	-700
Gas Production & Distribution	25,000	24,400	28,500	600	-3,500
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,724,400	1,719,400	1,715,900	5,000	8,500
Wholesale Trade	432,400	433,700	445,600	-1,300	-13,200
Retail Trade	1,292,000	1,285,700	1,270,300	6,300	21,700
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	47,900	48,200	53,200	-300	-5,300
General Merchandise Stores	167,600	165,900	162,000	1,700	5,600
Food Stores	242,600	238,700	228,900	3,900	13,700
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	146,700	147,400	146,200	-700	500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	81,900	80,200	84,200	1,700	-2,300
Other Retail Trade	605,300	605,300	595,800	0	9,500
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	452,600	454,300	445,700	-1,700	6,900
Banking	102,800	103,400	107,600	-600	-4,800
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	144,200	143,500	136,200	700	8,000
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	205,600	207,400	201,900	-1,800	3,700
Services	1,388,000	1,383,500	1,361,400	4,500	26,600
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	87,300	87,100	85,100	200	2,200
Personal Services	82,700	82,300	80,400	400	2,300
Business & Repair Services	381,200	382,300	379,000	-1,100	2,200
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	53,800	54,700	52,600	-900	1,200
Health Services	363,400	363,100	350,200	300	13,200
Educational Services	73,700	70,400	74,100	3,300	-400
Other Services & Miscellaneous	345,900	343,600	340,000	2,300	5,900
Total Government	1,182,800	1,160,500	1,123,900	22,300	58,900
Total Federal Government	191,900	191,100	185,700	800	6,200
Total State Government	247,300	241,700	239,200	5,600	8,100
Total Local Government	743,600	727,700	699,000	15,900	44,600

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Oct.'86*	Sep.'86**	Oct.'85**	Oct.'86*	Sep.'86**	Oct.'85**	Oct.'86*	Sep.'86**	Oct.'85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,300	56,700	56,200	101,200	100,700	102,100	427,500	422,100	420,400
Total Unemployment	5,400	5,400	3,500	6,300	6,700	6,100	24,700	24,300	21,700
Percent Unemployed	9.4	9.5	6.2	6.2	6.7	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.2
Total Employment 2/	51,900	51,300	52,700	94,900	94,000	96,000	402,800	397,800	398,700
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	159,900	159,000	168,600	79,900	79,600	79,500	93,700	94,600	91,700
Total Unemployment	21,400	22,500	24,200	8,600	9,000	7,200	13,600	15,400	13,800
Percent Unemployed	13.4	14.2	14.4	10.8	11.3	9.1	14.5	16.3	15.0
Total Employment 2/	138,500	136,500	144,400	71,300	70,600	72,300	80,100	79,200	77,900
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,100	56,200	58,400	169,600	167,500	167,700	1,407.8	1,395.8	1,372.0
Total Unemployment	3,600	3,600	3,000	21,300	20,200	16,500	82.4	81.5	72.2
Percent Unemployed	6.3	6.4	5.1	12.6	12.1	9.8	5.9	5.8	5.3
Total Employment 2/	53,500	52,600	55,400	148,300	147,300	151,200	1,325.4	1,314.3	1,299.8
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	219,100	221,400	215,300	646,100	638,700	634,700	106,600	105,700	107,700
Total Unemployment	26,000	29,900	23,700	43,300	42,300	35,100	12,100	11,900	11,900
Percent Unemployed	11.9	13.5	11.0	6.7	6.6	5.5	11.4	11.3	11.0
Total Employment 2/	193,100	191,500	191,600	602,800	596,400	599,600	94,500	93,800	95,800
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,667.5	1,656.1	1,658.6	88,300	88,300	87,400	44,200	43,900	42,500
Total Unemployment	170.4	174.2	138.6	6,800	7,200	7,400	7,000	7,000	5,800
Percent Unemployed	10.2	10.5	8.4	7.7	8.2	8.5	15.8	15.9	13.6
Total Employment 2/	1,497.1	1,481.9	1,520.0	81,500	81,100	80,000	37,200	36,900	36,700
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,400	80,500	81,800	110,100	108,700	110,400	141,300	136,200	138,200
Total Unemployment	9,400	10,000	8,600	7,400	7,100	7,100	28,200	27,200	27,400
Percent Unemployed	11.7	12.4	10.5	6.7	6.5	6.4	20.0	20.0	19.8
Total Employment 2/	71,000	70,500	73,200	102,700	101,600	103,300	113,100	109,000	110,800
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,600	52,900	52,700	59,700	60,100	61,100	44,800	44,300	44,600
Total Unemployment	6,100	6,500	3,200	9,900	10,500	4,200	3,300	3,400	2,600
Percent Unemployed	11.6	12.3	6.1	16.6	17.5	6.9	7.4	7.7	5.8
Total Employment 2/	46,500	46,400	49,500	49,800	49,600	56,900	41,500	40,900	42,000
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	565,900	557,400	556,200	47,400	46,900	46,200	57,100	56,600	57,400
Total Unemployment	43,700	42,200	36,300	3,900	3,900	3,100	4,600	4,700	4,900
Percent Unemployed	7.7	7.6	6.5	8.2	8.3	6.7	8.1	8.3	8.5
Total Employment 2/	522,200	515,200	519,900	43,500	43,000	43,100	52,500	51,900	52,500
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,400	76,800	76,400	37,100	37,000	38,100	91,300	89,500	89,300
Total Unemployment	7,100	7,200	6,400	3,900	4,000	2,800	7,400	7,000	5,400
Percent Unemployed	9.2	9.4	8.4	10.5	10.8	7.3	8.1	7.8	6.0
Total Employment 2/	70,300	69,600	70,000	33,200	33,000	35,300	83,900	82,500	83,900
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,000	56,900	56,500				8,233.8	8,167.0	8,103.3
Total Unemployment	4,700	4,800	3,500				734.2	743.3	612.6
Percent Unemployed	8.2	8.4	6.2				8.9	9.1	7.6
Total Employment 2/	52,300	52,100	53,000				7,499.6	7,423.7	7,490.7

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct.± 1986	Sep. 1986	Oct. 1985	Oct.± 1986	Sep. 1986	Oct. 1985	Oct.± 1986	Sep. 1986	Oct. 1985
			FOR TEXAS						
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 391.41	$ 398.24	$ 387.69	40.9	41.7	41.2	$ 9.57	$ 9.55	$ 9.41
Durable Goods	384.50	391.53	387.71	41.3	42.1	41.6	9.31	9.30	9.32
Lumber & Wood Products	278.80	275.54	262.52	41.0	40.7	39.3	6.80	6.77	6.68
Furniture & Fixtures	257.99	270.92	241.70	40.5	42.2	39.3	6.37	6.42	6.15
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	368.13	377.94	386.14	44.3	45.7	44.9	8.31	8.27	8.60
Primary Metal Industries	395.37	409.86	422.10	38.2	39.6	41.1	10.35	10.35	10.27
Fabricated Metal Products	361.09	367.28	365.86	40.3	40.9	41.2	8.96	8.98	8.88
Machinery, exc. Electric	396.01	400.44	401.86	40.7	41.8	41.6	9.73	9.58	9.66
Oil Field Machinery	422.37	437.18	484.36	39.0	39.6	41.9	10.83	11.04	11.56
Electric & Electronic Equip.	422.68	440.94	404.38	42.1	43.4	40.6	10.04	10.16	9.96
Transportation Equipment	515.21	516.06	537.89	42.3	42.3	43.1	12.18	12.20	12.48
Instruments & Related Prod.	326.43	340.45	331.70	39.0	40.1	40.9	8.37	8.49	8.11
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	293.35	283.16	271.17	42.7	42.2	40.9	6.87	6.71	6.63
Nondurable Goods	400.95	407.06	389.23	40.5	41.2	40.8	9.90	9.88	9.54
Food & Kindred Products	333.20	337.83	334.74	40.0	41.3	42.0	8.33	8.18	7.97
Meat Products	263.34	276.89	282.24	39.9	41.7	42.0	6.60	6.64	6.72
Malt Beverages	787.87	805.38	707.27	46.4	46.5	43.1	16.98	17.32	16.41
Textile Mill Products	314.43	315.32	277.84	44.6	44.6	41.1	7.05	7.07	6.76
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	185.96	191.36	196.56	35.9	36.8	37.8	5.18	5.20	5.20
Paper & Allied Products	446.34	465.03	443.28	43.0	44.5	42.5	10.38	10.45	10.43
Printing & Publishing	396.41	390.84	371.45	39.8	39.8	39.1	9.96	9.82	9.50
Chemicals & Allied Products	613.84	630.48	621.88	41.9	42.6	42.8	14.65	14.80	14.53
Petroleum & Coal Products	648.95	665.21	632.53	43.7	44.2	43.0	14.85	15.05	14.71
Petroleum Refining	676.94	690.85	659.55	43.9	44.2	42.8	15.42	15.63	15.41
Leather & Leather Products	187.60	214.27	216.76	35.0	37.2	39.7	5.36	5.76	5.46
Other Nondurable Goods	386.32	387.60	357.62	44.1	43.6	40.5	8.76	8.89	8.83
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	511.97	527.22	480.82	42.7	43.5	43.2	11.99	12.12	11.13
Oil & Gas Extraction	516.60	531.92	483.41	42.8	43.6	43.2	12.07	12.20	11.19
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	430.73	442.85	420.23	41.1	41.7	43.1	10.48	10.62	9.75
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	491.66	493.25	473.22	40.7	40.9	39.6	12.08	12.06	11.95
Elec., Gas & San. Services	430.35	438.60	454.46	39.7	40.8	39.9	10.84	10.75	11.39
Wholesale & Retail Trade	224.38	227.07	227.63	32.1	32.3	32.8	6.99	7.03	6.94
Wholesale Trade	377.62	381.74	377.74	39.5	39.6	40.1	9.56	9.64	9.42
Retail Trade	178.80	180.30	178.75	29.9	30.1	30.4	5.98	5.99	5.88
General Merchandise Stores	184.43	186.53	176.00	28.2	29.1	28.9	6.54	6.41	6.09
Banking	270.65	274.43	269.59	37.8	37.8	37.6	7.16	7.26	7.17

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 388.52	$ 399.83	$ 385.40	41.2	42.4	41.8	$ 9.43	$ 9.43	$ 9.22
Durable Goods	412.58	424.97	409.34	42.1	43.1	42.2	9.80	9.86	9.70
Nondurable Goods	345.79	352.97	342.77	39.7	40.9	41.1	8.71	8.63	8.34
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	403.65	403.24	393.01	41.4	41.7	41.5	9.75	9.67	9.47
Durable Goods	424.32	426.47	412.44	41.6	42.1	42.0	10.20	10.13	9.82
Nondurable Goods	349.21	344.76	345.87	40.7	40.8	40.5	8.58	8.45	8.54
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	476.43	486.43	470.13	42.5	43.2	42.7	11.21	11.26	11.01
Durable Goods	400.32	403.32	417.10	41.7	42.1	43.0	9.60	9.58	9.70
Nondurable Goods	564.63	582.08	543.11	43.4	44.4	42.2	13.01	13.11	12.87
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	297.14	297.01	298.16	40.1	40.3	40.9	7.41	7.37	7.29
Durable Goods	313.16	324.69	316.17	40.2	41.1	42.1	7.79	7.90	7.51
Nondurable Goods	281.60	269.79	280.59	40.0	39.5	39.8	7.04	6.83	7.05

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

the industry as a whole down by 1,700 over the month. Small advances in air transportation and in gas production and distribution were offset by larger losses in other sectors of transportation and public utilities, pushing employment down by 200 in October.

An additional 3,600 manufacturing jobs were deleted over the month, primarily in the durable goods sector, leaving total factory employment at 963,200. Within durable goods, nonelectrical machinery suffered the largest cutbacks, as jobs were deleted in oil field machinery and in air conditioning and heating equipment, pushing the industry total down by 2,000. The only durable goods industry to post an increase was aircraft and parts, where defense contractors were hiring. The 1,100 jobs added in this sector of transportation equipment represented the largest gain in manufacturing in October.

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In spite of several small advances within nondurable goods, two large declines kept the group as a whole 700 below its month-ago total. The largest of these was in food and kindred products, where seasonal layoffs followed the end of the tomato canning season. Cutbacks continued in apparel and other textile products as some plants were being closed.

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS DROP

The average number of manufacturing production workers declined over the month from 628,400 in September to 625,200 in October. Although average hourly earnings edged upward slightly in October (by 2¢ per hour), average weekly hours dropped by 0.8 hour due to less overtime and more part-time workers in many sectors, pushing weekly wages down by $6.83. In mid-October, the average manufacturing production worker in Texas earned $9.57 per hour for a 40.9-hour week, for a weekly total of $391.41.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
Third Quarter 1986
(July-September 1986)

Abilene	2,832,347
Amarillo	2,534,211
Austin	9,061,900
Beaumont-Port Arthur	10,277,567
Brazoria PMSA	4,260,989
Brownsville-Harlingen	3,657,295
Bryan-College Station	1,828,915
Corpus Christi	8,505,100
Dallas PMSA	31,514,083
El Paso	7,112,882
Fort Worth-Arlington PMSA	20,354,957
Galveston-Texas City PMSA	4,785,350
Houston PMSA	88,797,071
Killeen-Temple	1,684,704
Laredo	2,371,742
Longview-Marshall	5,002,683
Lubbock	2,001,330
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	7,107,066
Midland	4,194,988
Odessa	7,374,634
San Angelo	1,637,528
San Antonio	13,867,460
Sherman-Denison	1,909,021
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	904,215
Tyler	3,044,236
Victoria	2,222,612
Waco	3,327,866
Wichita Falls	2,305,019

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1986	Oct. 1985
Total Population	**16,846,250**	**16,465,250***
% UI Covered Unemployment	**2.7**	**1.5**
UI Covered Employers	**314,752**	**313,466**
Total Claims Actions	**906,579**	**494,259**
Total Initial Claims Actions	**99,543**	**74,992**
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	**807,036**	**419,267**
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	**$157.39**	**$143.86**
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	**$114,868,604**	**$54,636,268**
Total Placements	**28,584**	**40,259**

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UNEMPLOYMENT REMAINS HIGH

The Statewide actual unemployment rate was almost unchanged over the month, inching downward from 8.9 percent in October to 8.8 percent in November. Although the monthly change was minimal, the November rate was the lowest in the actual series since April, when the rate was 8.2 percent. Unemployment declined by only 8,300 in November, to 725,900 at mid-month. The number of Texans with jobs also dropped slightly over the month, totaling 7,489,200 in mid-November.

As the modest changes in both employment and unemployment indicate, there was little movement in the Texas economy between October and November. Most of the jobs currently being created are seasonal ones, and basic economic conditions have not improved noticeably. Evidence that the basic economy is still doing poorly is in the seasonally adjusted series (which excludes seasonal factors to more accurately reflect underlying economic factors). The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Texas was unchanged over the month, at 9.5 percent -- up substantially from the November 1985 rate of 7.0 percent. Texas jobless rates continued to be well above those for the Nation. The U. S. unemployment rate in both series was unchanged over the month, as the actual rate remained at 6.6 percent while the seasonally adjusted rate stood at 7.0 percent.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	118,623.0	118,699.0	116,097.0
Unemployment	7,872.0	7,842.0	7,815.0
Percent Unemployed	6.6	6.6	6.7
Total Employment	110,751.0	110,857.0	108,282.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	118,654.0	118,482.0	116,130.0
Unemployment	8,283.0	8,242.0	8,161.0
Percent Unemployed	7.0	7.0	7.0
Total Employment	110,371.0	110,240.0	107,969.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,251.1	8,233.8	8,067.8
Unemployment	725.9	734.2	521.6
Percent Unemployed	8.8	8.9	6.5
Total Employment	7,489.2	7,499.6	7,546.2
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,245.0	8,241.0	8,104.0
Unemployment	784.0	781.0	566.0
Percent Unemployed	9.5	9.5	7.0
Total Employment	7,461.0	7,460.0	7,538.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DECLINES

The count of nonfarm salaried jobs in Texas declined between October and November 1986 for the first time since the recessionary period of 1982. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment, at 6,683,700 in mid-November, had dropped by 1,600 over the past month and was 63,600 below the year-ago level. Moderate increases in government, trade, and finance, insurance and real estate were insufficient to completely nullify downturns in construction, manufacturing and services in November.

Aside from mining, where job deletions have slowed to a trickle, construction is the softest spot in the Texas economy at the moment. Over the past year, this sector

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Nov.'86*	Oct.'86**	Nov.'85**	Nov.'86*	Oct.'86**	Nov.'85**	Nov.'86*	Oct.'86**	Nov.'85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	52,800	52,600	54,100	81,500	80,800	82,700	367,200	367,300	368,500
Manufacturing	4,900	4,900	5,400	10,200	10,100	10,300	40,100	40,200	41,800
Mining	3,200	3,200	4,100	1,300	1,200	1,800	1,000	1,000	1,100
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,900	4,200	4,000	4,600	24,200	24,600	27,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,900	5,900	5,900	6,300	11,500	11,500	11,000
Trade	14,500	14,400	14,300	24,700	24,500	24,500	82,500	82,300	83,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,800	2,800	2,800	4,300	4,300	4,500	25,600	25,700	25,300
Services & Misc.	13,600	13,600	13,500	16,600	16,500	16,200	85,900	85,800	83,400
Government	8,200	8,100	8,200	14,300	14,300	14,500	96,400	96,200	95,500
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	128,500	128,600	136,000	57,400	57,300	59,100	66,200	65,500	64,900
Manufacturing	25,100	25,200	26,800	15,300	15,300	16,300	9,300	9,100	9,400
Mining	1,200	1,200	2,500	1,400	1,400	1,800	100	100	100
Construction	8,500	8,500	9,700	5,900	5,900	6,300	3,200	3,100	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,400	9,500	10,100	2,000	1,900	2,200	3,400	3,300	3,300
Trade	31,900	31,700	33,400	11,000	11,100	11,400	18,300	18,200	18,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,300	5,700	2,200	2,200	2,300	3,500	3,500	3,600
Services & Misc.	26,800	27,000	27,400	8,400	8,300	8,100	12,900	12,900	12,400
Government	20,300	20,200	20,400	11,200	11,200	10,700	15,500	15,300	14,700
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	51,900	48,900	50,100	134,500	134,400	137,200	1,340.1	1,347.2	1,326.7
Manufacturing	3,000	3,100	3,700	12,100	12,200	13,000	232.3	233.5	233.3
Mining	1,000	1,000	1,300	6,000	6,100	7,500	20.0	20.3	23.8
Construction	2,200	2,300	2,800	11,400	11,400	11,400	70.4	74.0	85.4
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,500	7,400	7,400	7,600	85.7	85.7	84.1
Trade	10,900	11,100	10,900	34,400	34,200	34,700	360.2	358.9	354.3
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	2,000	6,900	6,900	6,900	133.0	133.0	127.1
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,400	7,500	28,400	28,300	28,100	291.3	294.2	278.9
Government	24,300	20,800	20,400	27,900	27,900	28,000	147.2	147.6	139.8
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	178,500	178,400	178,000	510,200	510,300	510,300	71,600	71,800	72,500
Manufacturing	32,500	32,900	36,000	115,600	115,500	115,500	9,200	9,200	10,100
Mining	200	200	400	3,300	3,300	4,500	400	400	800
Construction	9,000	9,200	9,000	31,200	32,000	33,300	2,900	3,000	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,600	9,400	9,400	29,000	28,600	27,100	5,600	5,600	5,400
Trade	46,200	46,000	44,100	137,300	136,500	138,900	13,500	13,500	13,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,600	9,500	9,000	27,800	28,200	28,500	4,700	4,700	4,600
Services & Misc.	33,900	34,100	33,900	105,100	105,500	101,000	12,700	12,900	12,600
Government	37,500	37,100	36,200	60,900	60,700	61,500	22,600	22,500	21,900

has lost over 41,000 jobs. Some 7,000 of these positions were deleted in November, as on-going projects were completed and no additional work was forthcoming. Only 300 jobs were cut in mining in November, and just one-third of those were in oil and gas extraction. Hopefully, this signals the bottoming-out of the downturn in oil and gas. Between November 1985 and November 1986, mining declined by 60,400.

Seasonal decreases were responsible for the over-the-month downturn in services, which lost 2,700 jobs in November. Amusement, including motion pictures, deleted 4,000 jobs as the baseball season ended and the State Fair closed. Seasonal declines were primarily responsible for the loss of 1,700 positions in hotels and other lodging places. A sizeable increase in business and repair services was not large enough to overcome the two bigger losses.

The largest number of new hires in November was generated by government, as the educational sectors of both state and local government added workers. The increases in local education were primarily to complete hiring for the fall semester, while within state government a large university filled vacancies following the lifting of a hiring freeze.

Trade normally accelerates strongly in November; and two retail sectors, general merchandise stores and apparel and accessories, did add 9,000 jobs. This increase,

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Industry	Nov.'86*	Oct.'86**	Nov.'85**	Nov.'86*	Oct.'86**	Nov.'85**	Nov.'86*	Oct.'86**	Nov.'85**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,456.1	1,459.7	1,499.3	68,100	68,000	67,600	35,300	35,500	34,600
Manufacturing	156.9	158.2	171.5	8,500	8,600	8,600	2,000	2,000	1,800
Mining	75.8	76.8	90.3	100	100	100	1,500	1,500	1,900
Construction	93.8	96.3	105.3	3,600	3,700	4,000	1,300	1,400	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	96.8	96.6	101.4	2,800	2,800	2,900	3,600	3,600	3,800
Trade	369.4	368.9	382.3	16,500	16,400	16,500	10,400	10,600	10,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	110.3	111.4	111.8	2,800	2,900	2,900	1,600	1,600	1,400
Services & Misc.	357.1	356.5	349.0	13,700	13,500	13,000	6,200	6,200	5,800
Government	196.0	195.0	187.7	20,100	20,000	19,600	8,700	8,600	8,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	66,600	66,900	69,200	92,300	92,100	93,600	86,000	85,900	85,100
Manufacturing	15,000	15,200	16,500	7,100	7,400	7,500	12,200	12,300	11,700
Mining	4,100	4,100	4,500	300	300	600	1,400	1,400	1,600
Construction	3,100	3,100	3,500	3,800	3,900	4,700	4,400	4,400	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,500	3,500	3,500	4,400	4,400	4,800	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	17,700	17,700	17,700	28,300	27,800	28,100	25,700	25,600	26,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,700	3,600	3,500	5,300	5,400	5,500	3,900	3,900	4,000
Services & Misc.	11,500	11,700	11,900	20,600	20,400	19,800	13,200	13,400	13,000
Government	8,000	8,000	8,100	22,500	22,500	22,600	22,600	22,300	21,600
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	45,700	45,800	49,700	45,600	45,600	52,200	36,800	36,600	37,700
Manufacturing	3,500	3,500	3,900	4,100	4,200	5,000	5,900	5,900	5,400
Mining	8,600	8,600	11,300	6,500	6,600	8,900	600	500	900
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,500	2,200	2,300	3,300	2,000	2,000	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,200	2,500	2,300	2,300	2,600	2,800	2,800	3,100
Trade	10,700	10,700	11,100	13,400	13,200	14,800	9,600	9,500	9,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,100	3,200	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,900	2,000
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,900	8,900	8,100	8,100	8,300	7,200	7,300	7,400
Government	6,600	6,600	6,300	7,200	7,100	7,400	6,800	6,700	6,800
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	484,400	484,600	484,100	37,700	37,700	37,400	46,200	46,000	45,700
Manufacturing	47,200	48,000	49,600	11,100	11,100	11,700	7,300	7,200	7,700
Mining	2,600	2,700	3,400	300	300	300	--	--	--
Construction	31,800	32,800	36,500	1,800	1,800	1,700	2,000	2,000	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	17,900	17,900	19,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Trade	127,200	126,500	126,100	8,700	8,600	8,100	11,500	11,400	10,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	37,300	37,100	36,700	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	110,300	110,800	108,800	7,300	7,400	7,200	8,900	8,900	8,500
Government	110,100	108,800	104,000	5,100	5,100	5,000	12,600	12,600	12,600
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
TOTAL	63,200	63,100	63,500	27,800	27,800	29,500	79,100	78,800	78,900
Manufacturing	11,100	11,100	11,600	3,200	3,200	3,200	15,100	15,000	16,700
Mining	2,100	2,100	2,700	2,300	2,200	3,200	100	100	200
Construction	2,500	2,700	3,000	1,600	1,700	2,200	4,500	4,400	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,900	3,000	3,100	1,400	1,500	1,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Trade	17,800	17,800	17,500	7,700	7,700	8,400	19,400	19,300	19,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,000	4,000	4,000	1,500	1,500	1,600	4,700	4,700	4,700
Services & Misc.	14,000	13,700	13,000	5,700	5,600	5,300	19,300	19,400	18,500
Government	8,800	8,700	8,600	4,400	4,400	4,100	12,500	12,400	11,900
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	51,300	51,100	52,500						
Manufacturing	8,300	8,300	8,600						
Mining	2,400	2,400	3,000						
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,200						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800						
Trade	13,000	12,800	13,200						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,300	2,300						
Services & Misc.	10,000	10,000	9,900						
Government	10,400	10,400	10,500						

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2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Nov. 1986*	Oct. 1986**	Nov. 1985**	Change From Oct. 1986	Change From Nov. 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,683,700	6,685,300	6,747,300	-1,600	-63,600
Manufacturing	959,700	963,500	998,100	-3,800	-38,400
Durable Goods	558,100	560,300	586,200	-2,200	-28,100
Lumber & Wood Products	39,700	40,500	41,100	-800	-1,400
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,700	7,900	7,600	-200	100
Furniture & Fixtures	17,300	17,700	18,100	-400	-800
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	45,800	46,400	49,400	-600	-3,600
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	21,500	21,800	23,800	-300	-2,300
Primary Metal Industries	29,500	29,700	32,900	-200	-3,400
Fabricated Metal Industries	75,900	76,100	82,600	-200	-6,700
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	39,500	39,600	42,800	-100	-3,300
Machinery, Except Electrical	112,500	112,700	130,000	-200	-17,500
Oil Field Machinery	24,900	25,200	37,900	-300	-13,000
Electric & Electronic Equipment	117,300	117,500	113,900	-200	3,400
Transportation Equipment	85,300	85,000	81,100	300	4,200
Aircraft & Parts	49,800	49,600	42,700	200	7,100
Instruments & Related Products	22,200	22,200	23,800	0	-1,600
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,600	12,500	13,300	100	-700
Nondurable Goods	401,600	403,200	411,900	-1,600	-10,300
Food & Kindred Products	99,100	99,700	98,800	-600	300
Meat Products	27,300	27,400	26,900	-100	400
Dairy Products	5,300	5,300	5,300	0	0
Bakery Products	11,200	11,200	11,200	0	0
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,200	0	-100
Textile Mill Products	4,000	4,000	4,700	0	-700
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	52,500	53,400	58,100	-900	-5,600
Paper & Allied Products	23,300	23,100	23,100	200	200
Printing & Publishing	76,700	76,300	75,400	400	1,300
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,300	38,200	37,400	100	900
Chemicals & Allied Products	73,900	74,200	77,200	-300	-3,300
Petroleum & Coal Products	31,000	31,300	32,700	-300	-1,700
Petroleum Refining	28,100	28,400	29,600	-300	-1,500
Leather & Leather Products	6,900	6,900	7,800	0	-900
Other Nondurable Goods	34,200	34,300	34,100	-100	100
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,724,000	5,721,800	5,749,200	2,200	-25,200
Mining	192,200	192,500	252,600	-300	-60,400
Oil & Gas Extraction	184,800	184,900	244,300	-100	-59,500
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	7,400	7,600	8,300	-200	-900
Construction	406,700	413,700	448,100	-7,000	-41,400
Transportation & Public Utilities	376,000	375,200	384,100	800	-8,100
Railroad Transportation	21,600	21,600	23,000	0	-1,400
Transportation, Except Railroads	189,700	189,200	189,700	500	0
Transportation by Air	53,200	52,600	48,100	600	5,100
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	86,800	86,500	90,500	300	-3,700
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,900	77,900	80,900	0	-3,000
Electric Services	45,200	45,200	45,800	0	-600
Gas Production & Distribution	25,300	25,300	28,400	0	-3,100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,719,900	1,718,700	1,726,400	1,200	-6,500
Wholesale Trade	431,000	432,500	444,700	-1,500	-13,700
Retail Trade	1,288,900	1,286,200	1,281,700	2,700	7,200
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	47,400	47,900	53,200	-500	-5,800
General Merchandise Stores	174,600	168,000	168,200	6,600	6,400
Food Stores	236,600	240,600	231,800	-4,000	4,800
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	144,900	146,700	145,400	-1,800	-500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	84,500	82,100	86,000	2,400	-1,500
Other Retail Trade	600,900	600,900	597,100	0	3,800
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	453,800	452,700	446,600	1,100	7,200
Banking	102,300	102,900	107,500	-600	-5,200
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	144,700	144,100	137,200	600	7,500
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	206,800	205,700	201,900	1,100	4,900
Services	1,384,400	1,387,100	1,357,600	-2,700	26,800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	85,300	87,000	84,500	-1,700	800
Personal Services	83,000	82,900	82,600	100	400
Business & Repair Services	384,200	381,700	378,300	2,500	5,900
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	48,300	52,300	47,100	-4,000	1,200
Health Services	363,700	363,700	350,700	0	13,000
Educational Services	74,100	73,500	74,200	600	-100
Other Services & Miscellaneous	345,800	346,000	340,200	-200	5,600
Total Government	1,191,000	1,181,900	1,133,800	9,100	57,200
Total Federal Government	190,900	191,300	187,000	-400	3,900
Total State Government	251,900	247,800	242,300	4,100	9,600
Total Local Government	748,200	742,800	704,500	5,400	43,700

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Nov.'86*	Oct.'86**	Nov.'85**	Nov.'86*	Oct.'86**	Nov.'85**	Nov.'86*	Oct.'86**	Nov.'85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,900	57,000	56,800	101,400	100,700	101,700	429,800	429,100	424,400
Total Unemployment	5,100	5,300	3,600	6,500	6,300	5,300	25,300	24,900	20,400
Percent Unemployed	9.0	9.3	6.3	6.4	6.3	5.2	5.9	5.8	4.8
Total Employment 2/	51,800	51,700	53,200	94,900	94,400	96,400	404,500	404,200	404,000
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	157,900	159,400	164,700	79,200	79,700	78,800	93,600	93,400	90,300
Total Unemployment	20,300	21,300	19,200	8,400	8,500	5,900	13,500	13,600	11,600
Percent Unemployed	12.9	13.4	11.7	10.6	10.7	7.5	14.4	14.6	12.8
Total Employment 2/	137,600	138,100	145,500	70,800	71,200	72,900	80,100	79,800	78,700
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	60,100	57,100	58,200	169,400	169,900	165,600	1,403.9	1,410.4	1,372.7
Total Unemployment	3,700	3,600	2,800	20,700	21,200	13,800	83.0	82.3	62.9
Percent Unemployed	6.2	6.3	4.8	12.2	12.5	8.3	5.9	5.8	4.6
Total Employment 2/	56,400	53,500	55,400	148,700	148,700	151,800	1,320.9	1,328.1	1,309.8
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	218,400	220,500	211,000	646,100	646,600	635,800	106,600	107,300	106,100
Total Unemployment	24,400	26,200	18,800	42,900	43,300	31,200	11,700	12,200	9,600
Percent Unemployed	11.2	11.9	8.9	6.6	6.7	4.9	11.0	11.4	9.0
Total Employment 2/	194,000	194,300	192,200	603,200	603,300	604,600	94,900	95,100	96,500
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,652.4	1,660.9	1,642.5	88,100	88,200	87,100	44,500	44,200	41,900
Total Unemployment	165.7	170.1	114.9	6,800	6,900	7,000	7,500	7,000	4,900
Percent Unemployed	10.0	10.2	7.0	7.7	7.8	8.0	16.9	15.8	11.7
Total Employment 2/	1,486.7	1,490.8	1,527.6	81,300	81,300	80,100	37,000	37,200	37,000
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,800	80,400	80,400	110,100	109,900	110,300	143,600	141,600	137,800
Total Unemployment	9,000	9,400	7,100	7,000	7,400	5,500	29,600	28,500	23,800
Percent Unemployed	11.3	11.7	8.8	6.4	6.7	5.0	20.6	20.1	17.3
Total Employment 2/	70,800	71,000	73,300	103,100	102,500	104,800	114,000	113,100	114,000
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,300	52,400	52,700	59,100	59,600	60,500	44,600	44,600	44,600
Total Unemployment	5,800	6,100	2,600	9,400	9,800	3,200	3,200	3,300	1,900
Percent Unemployed	11.1	11.6	4.9	15.9	16.4	5.3	7.2	7.4	4.3
Total Employment 2/	46,500	46,300	50,100	49,700	49,800	57,300	41,400	41,300	42,700
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	567,300	566,500	553,900	47,400	47,600	46,100	57,400	57,300	57,200
Total Unemployment	45,000	43,600	30,600	3,800	3,900	2,800	4,600	4,600	4,500
Percent Unemployed	7.9	7.7	5.5	8.0	8.2	6.1	8.0	8.0	7.9
Total Employment 2/	522,300	522,900	523,300	43,600	43,700	43,300	52,800	52,700	52,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,200	77,200	75,900	37,100	37,100	38,200	91,300	91,100	88,400
Total Unemployment	6,900	7,100	5,200	3,800	3,900	2,600	7,400	7,400	4,700
Percent Unemployed	8.9	9.2	6.9	10.2	10.5	6.8	8.1	8.1	5.3
Total Employment 2/	70,300	70,100	70,700	33,300	33,200	35,600	83,900	83,700	83,700
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,000	57,000	56,700				8,215.1	8,233.8	8,067.8
Total Unemployment	4,500	4,700	3,200				725.9	734.2	521.6
Percent Unemployed	7.9	8.2	5.6				8.8	8.9	6.5
Total Employment 2/	52,500	52,300	53,500				7,489.2	7,499.6	7,546.2

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov.± 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	Nov.± 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	Nov.± 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 400.89	$ 393.74	$ 392.06	41.5	41.1	41.4	$ 9.66	$ 9.58	$ 9.47
Durable Goods	390.93	386.68	391.15	41.5	41.4	41.7	9.42	9.34	9.38
Lumber & Wood Products	272.92	277.17	258.02	39.9	40.7	38.8	6.84	6.81	6.65
Furniture & Fixtures	235.48	255.73	246.83	37.2	40.4	40.2	6.33	6.33	6.14
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	371.86	369.51	385.87	43.8	44.2	44.2	8.49	8.36	8.73
Primary Metal Industries	418.55	399.38	428.90	39.9	38.7	41.4	10.49	10.32	10.36
Fabricated Metal Products	370.94	361.98	369.64	41.4	40.4	41.3	8.96	8.96	8.95
Machinery, exc. Electric	398.52	402.78	405.04	40.5	41.1	41.8	9.84	9.80	9.69
Oil Field Machinery	405.15	436.08	487.34	36.5	39.5	42.9	11.10	11.04	11.36
Electric & Electronic Equip.	436.74	421.84	420.26	43.5	42.1	41.9	10.04	10.02	10.03
Transportation Equipment	528.47	515.26	534.60	43.0	42.2	42.7	12.29	12.21	12.52
Instruments & Related Prod.	329.33	330.57	338.25	39.3	39.4	41.3	8.38	8.39	8.19
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	267.39	291.21	262.76	41.2	43.4	40.3	6.49	6.71	6.52
Nondurable Goods	412.76	402.93	394.15	41.4	40.7	41.1	9.97	9.90	9.59
Food & Kindred Products	336.19	331.60	338.97	40.8	40.0	41.9	8.24	8.29	8.09
Meat Products	263.86	265.17	268.62	40.1	40.3	40.7	6.58	6.58	6.60
Malt Beverages	802.15	787.87	755.91	46.8	46.4	45.4	17.14	16.98	16.65
Textile Mill Products	324.01	314.43	284.76	45.7	44.6	42.0	7.09	7.05	6.78
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	195.30	191.51	197.02	37.2	36.9	37.6	5.25	5.19	5.24
Paper & Allied Products	452.49	443.23	460.71	43.3	42.7	43.3	10.45	10.38	10.64
Printing & Publishing	387.87	394.82	374.07	39.7	39.8	39.5	9.77	9.92	9.47
Chemicals & Allied Products	665.52	626.88	628.99	43.9	42.5	43.2	15.16	14.75	14.56
Petroleum & Coal Products	640.22	640.47	629.59	43.2	43.1	42.8	14.82	14.86	14.71
Petroleum Refining	665.52	666.58	658.26	43.3	43.2	42.8	15.37	15.43	15.38
Leather & Leather Products	210.11	187.60	223.69	39.2	35.0	41.5	5.36	5.36	5.39
Other Nondurable Goods	395.50	392.50	366.33	45.2	44.4	41.3	8.75	8.84	8.87
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	536.15	532.49	492.59	44.2	44.3	43.4	12.13	12.02	11.35
Oil & Gas Extraction	540.02	536.35	497.04	44.3	44.4	43.6	12.19	12.08	11.40
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	459.46	451.73	404.33	42.9	42.1	40.8	10.71	10.73	9.91
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	500.96	488.03	484.00	40.4	40.4	40.3	12.40	12.08	12.01
Elec., Gas & San. Services	421.59	424.67	462.35	39.0	39.8	40.1	10.81	10.67	11.53
Wholesale & Retail Trade	223.62	224.64	228.25	31.9	32.0	32.7	7.01	7.02	6.98
Wholesale Trade	379.82	379.60	380.15	39.4	39.5	40.1	9.64	9.61	9.48
Retail Trade	177.31	178.50	179.38	29.7	29.8	30.3	5.97	5.99	5.92
General Merchandise Stores	183.30	183.58	179.42	28.2	28.2	28.8	6.50	6.51	6.23
Banking	283.68	271.36	270.18	39.4	37.9	38.0	7.20	7.16	7.11

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 399.42	$ 390.70	$ 391.67	42.0	41.3	41.8	$ 9.51	$ 9.46	$ 9.37
Durable Goods	423.16	414.69	415.39	42.7	42.1	42.3	9.91	9.85	9.82
Nondurable Goods	355.72	346.26	348.47	40.7	39.8	40.9	8.74	8.70	8.52
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	408.66	401.31	392.70	41.7	41.5	41.6	9.80	9.67	9.44
Durable Goods	435.69	423.43	409.78	42.3	41.8	41.9	10.30	10.13	9.78
Nondurable Goods	338.89	346.39	349.21	40.2	40.8	40.7	8.43	8.49	8.58
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	487.82	478.40	472.60	43.4	42.6	42.5	11.24	11.23	11.12
Durable Goods	413.99	400.32	419.05	42.9	41.7	42.5	9.65	9.60	9.86
Nondurable Goods	573.76	568.54	546.98	44.0	43.7	42.5	13.04	13.01	12.87
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	311.41	298.75	296.84	41.8	40.1	41.0	7.45	7.45	7.24
Durable Goods	325.56	319.98	314.07	40.9	40.3	42.1	7.96	7.94	7.46
Nondurable Goods	296.77	278.10	280.80	42.7	39.9	40.0	6.95	6.97	7.02

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

however, was partially offset by sizeable declines in two other retail trade sectors. Food stores decreased by 4,000 in November, and automotive dealers and service stations recorded a drop of 1,800. These losses, and a decline of 1,500 in wholesale trade, kept the total trade increase to only 1,200.

Most of the growth in finance, insurance and real estate was due to seasonal gains among real estate appraisers as tax season approached and among insurance carriers, agents and brokers. Banking continued its slow decreases in November. Within transportation and public utilities, only a moderate seasonal increase in transportation by air was notable.

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Losses were much more common than gains in manufacturing industries in November, as an additional 3,800 jobs were deleted. Manufacturing is now 38,400 below its year-ago level and shows little evidence of immediate improvement. The majority of the losses continued to be in durable goods, which dropped by 2,200 over the month. The only two durable goods sectors which did not decline were transportation equipment and instruments and related products, both of which managed only anemic increases. The stagnation of construction activity is now affecting several durable goods industries, such as lumber and wood products, stone, clay and glass products, and furniture and fixtures. Nondurable goods fared little better over the month, losing 1,600 jobs. The largest losses were in apparel and other finished textile products, where seasonal layoffs combined with more permanent ones, and in food and kindred products, where the declines were more seasonal in nature. Other, smaller decreases and increases were interspersed within the nondurable sector.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS RISE

The number of manufacturing production workers declined by 1,700 over the month, to an estimated 621,900 in mid-November. These production workers earned an average of $9.66 per hour for a 41.5-hour work week, for average weekly earnings of $400.89 in November. Average weekly hours rose by 0.4 hour over the month, and average hourly earnings increased by 8¢, pushing weekly earnings up by $7.15.

There were contrasting trends among various manufacturing industries. Some sectors, such as oil field machinery and furniture and fixtures, scheduled shorter work weeks to forestall further layoffs, while other industries, such as leather and leather products reported seasonal gains in hours worked. Average hourly earnings were pushed up by more hours worked at premium pay in stone, clay and glass products and in primary metals.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1986	Nov. 1985
Total Population	16,878,000	16,497,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.7	1.5
UI Covered Employers	314,783	314,100
Total Claims Actions	710,900	434,598
Total Initial Claims Actions	78,162	66,786
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	632,738	367,812
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$154.76	$146.26
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$87,356,875	$49,401,873
Total Placements	20,336	31,509

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE SLIPS DOWNWARD

Hiring for the Christmas season made little impression on Statewide unemployment over the month, as the actual Texas unemployment rate inched downward from 8.8 percent in November to 8.7 percent in December. Despite the minimal monthly change, the December rate was the lowest recorded in the actual series since April, when it was 8.2 percent. There were an estimated 718,600 jobless Texans in December, down only 7,300 from November; and total employment rose moderately over the month, to 7,535,100 at mid-month. There were over 213,000 more unemployed this December than there were a year earlier, when the jobless rate was 6.3 percent.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Dec. 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	118,049.0	118,623.0	115,780.0
Unemployment	7,461.0	7,872.0	7,717.0
Percent Unemployed	6.3	6.6	6.7
Total Employment	110,588.0	110,751.0	108,063.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	118,586.0	118,675.0	116,229.0
Unemployment	7,949.0	8,243.0	8,023.0
Percent Unemployed	6.7	6.9	6.9
Total Employment	110,637.0	110,432.0	108,206.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,253.7	8,215.1	7,993.5
Unemployment	718.6	725.9	505.0
Percent Unemployed	8.7	8.8	6.3
Total Employment	7,535.1	7,489.2	7,488.5
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,303.0	8,245.0	8,049.0
Unemployment	796.0	784.0	560.0
Percent Unemployed	9.6	9.5	7.0
Total Employment	7,507.0	7,461.0	7,489.0

The seasonally adjusted rate for Texas rose very slightly over the month, from 9.5 percent in November to 9.6 percent in December. The National rates in both series declined in December. The actual U. S. rate dropped from 6.6 percent to 6.3 percent, and the seasonally adjusted rate slid from 6.9 percent down to 6.7 percent.

HOLIDAY HIRING HELPS BOOST JOBS COUNT

The seasonal creation of jobs for the Christmas shopping season helped push nonagricultural wage and salary employment up by 7,700 in December. The current level of 6,694,900 was still over 70,000 below the year-ago total, due to continuing cutbacks in mining, construction and manufacturing. Despite the sizeable increases in December in trade, government, and finance, insurance and real estate, losses in other sectors held the total nonmanufacturing gain to only 9,500.

Retail trade contributed 16,600 new jobs in December, as general merchandise stores and apparel and accessory stores added substantial numbers of workers in anticipation of the final Christmas rush. Other retail trade sectors reporting job additions over the month were food stores and other retail trade, which includes jewelry and specialty stores.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Dec.'86*	Nov.'86**	Dec.'85**	Dec.'86*	Nov.'86**	Dec.'85**	Dec.'86*	Nov.'86**	Dec.'85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	53,100	52,900	54,400	81,200	81,400	81,500	367,000	367,200	370,100
Manufacturing	4,900	4,900	5,400	10,100	10,200	10,000	39,700	39,900	41,500
Mining	3,300	3,300	4,100	1,300	1,300	1,700	1,000	1,000	1,100
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,800	3,900	4,000	23,600	24,300	27,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,800	5,800	5,900	6,200	11,500	11,500	11,200
Trade	14,800	14,500	14,600	25,100	24,800	24,700	83,700	82,900	85,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,800	2,900	4,300	4,300	4,400	25,500	25,500	25,300
Services & Misc.	13,600	13,600	13,500	16,300	16,600	16,200	85,500	85,700	83,500
Government	8,200	8,200	8,200	14,500	14,400	14,300	96,500	96,400	95,300
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	128,600	128,700	135,400	57,600	57,500	59,600	66,100	66,100	65,000
Manufacturing	24,700	25,100	26,600	15,300	15,300	16,200	9,200	9,300	9,300
Mining	1,200	1,200	2,400	1,300	1,400	1,900	100	100	100
Construction	8,500	8,600	9,400	5,800	5,900	6,400	3,200	3,200	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,400	9,400	10,200	2,000	2,000	2,200	3,400	3,400	3,300
Trade	32,600	32,000	33,600	11,400	11,100	11,600	18,300	18,300	18,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,300	5,700	2,300	2,200	2,300	3,500	3,500	3,500
Services & Misc.	26,700	26,800	27,200	8,200	8,400	8,200	12,900	12,800	12,300
Government	20,200	20,300	20,300	11,300	11,200	10,800	15,500	15,500	14,700
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	48,400	51,800	50,500	134,500	134,500	136,800	1,340.4	1,341.8	1,327.6
Manufacturing	3,100	3,000	3,600	12,100	12,100	12,800	231.7	232.3	232.8
Mining	1,000	1,000	1,300	6,200	6,200	7,700	20.0	20.0	23.8
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,800	11,000	11,400	11,100	68.4	70.8	83.2
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,600	7,400	7,400	7,600	85.8	85.8	84.2
Trade	11,000	10,900	11,000	34,800	34,400	34,700	363.0	360.6	357.8
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	2,100	6,900	6,900	6,900	132.2	133.0	127.0
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,200	7,600	28,200	28,200	28,000	290.6	291.5	278.6
Government	20,600	24,300	20,500	27,900	27,900	28,000	148.7	147.8	140.2
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	179,200	178,400	179,100	512,200	510,500	511,200	71,700	71,600	72,700
Manufacturing	32,500	32,400	35,600	116,500	115,700	116,100	9,500	9,200	10,200
Mining	200	200	400	3,300	3,300	4,500	400	400	800
Construction	9,000	9,000	8,900	31,400	31,700	32,300	2,700	2,900	3,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,800	9,600	9,500	29,000	29,000	27,000	5,500	5,600	5,400
Trade	47,100	46,200	45,500	138,800	137,000	140,900	13,600	13,500	13,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,400	9,600	9,200	28,000	27,900	28,200	4,600	4,700	4,600
Services & Misc.	34,300	34,000	34,200	104,300	105,000	100,600	12,800	12,700	12,700
Government	36,900	37,400	35,800	60,900	60,900	61,600	22,600	22,600	21,900

Two moderate increases within finance, insurance and real estate pushed employment up by 2,300 in December. The largest of these gains were in the "other" segment, as small loan lenders added staff and the real estate sector picked up. Insurance carriers, agents and brokers also recorded growth due to end-of-the-year business. The hiring of additional workers in the federal and local sectors also pushed employment upward in government over the month. A portion of the increase in federal government was due to the hiring of additional mail carriers for the Holiday season.

Employers in construction cut 7,700 jobs in December, as cold, rainy weather exacerbated the downturn in building. This industry has lost over 46,000 jobs since December 1985, not far below the total number deleted in mining over the year. The job deletions in oil and gas extraction seem to have trickled to a halt, with only 200 positions cut in December. Mining is currently 58,600 below its year-ago level.

Scattered declines in several sectors of services pushed employment in this industry down by 2,700 over the month. The largest of these losses occurred in other services and miscellaneous, which includes landscaping and horticultural services as well as civic and social organizations. Despite a sizeable seasonal increase in transportation by air, transportation and public utilities actually decreased by 400 in December.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Dec.'86*	Nov.'86**	Dec.'85**	Dec.'86*	Nov.'86**	Dec.'85**	Dec.'86*	Nov.'86**	Dec.'85**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,458.9	1,457.9	1,506.2	68,000	68,300	67,400	35,300	35,400	35,000
Manufacturing	156.1	156.6	171.1	8,500	8,500	8,500	1,900	2,000	1,800
Mining	75.7	75.9	91.2	100	100	100	1,600	1,500	1,900
Construction	91.5	94.1	103.6	3,600	3,700	3,900	1,300	1,300	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	96.3	96.3	100.8	2,800	2,800	2,900	3,600	3,700	3,800
Trade	375.9	371.5	387.4	16,700	16,600	16,600	10,500	10,400	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	109.4	110.0	112.4	2,800	2,800	2,900	1,600	1,600	1,400
Services & Misc.	358.1	357.3	351.4	13,600	13,700	12,800	6,200	6,200	6,000
Government	195.9	196.2	188.3	19,900	20,100	19,700	8,600	8,700	8,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	66,400	66,600	69,100	92,500	92,100	93,900	86,700	87,100	86,100
Manufacturing	15,000	15,000	16,400	7,300	7,100	7,600	12,500	12,600	11,700
Mining	4,000	4,100	4,500	300	300	500	1,400	1,400	1,600
Construction	3,000	3,000	3,400	3,700	3,800	4,600	4,400	4,400	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,500	3,500	3,500	4,400	4,400	4,800	2,700	2,700	2,600
Trade	17,800	17,800	17,900	28,500	28,200	28,600	26,300	26,100	27,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,500	5,300	5,300	5,500	3,800	3,900	4,000
Services & Misc.	11,500	11,600	11,800	20,300	20,500	19,900	13,300	13,400	13,000
Government	8,000	8,000	8,100	22,700	22,500	22,400	22,300	22,600	21,600
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	46,000	45,900	49,700	45,700	45,700	52,300	37,000	36,800	38,100
Manufacturing	3,500	3,500	3,900	4,100	4,100	5,100	5,900	5,900	5,500
Mining	8,600	8,700	11,300	6,700	6,700	9,000	600	600	900
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,400	2,100	2,200	3,000	2,000	2,000	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,200	2,500	2,300	2,300	2,600	2,800	2,800	3,100
Trade	10,900	10,700	11,200	13,500	13,300	15,000	9,800	9,600	10,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,100	3,200	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,900	2,000
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,800	8,900	8,100	8,100	8,300	7,200	7,200	7,500
Government	6,700	6,700	6,300	7,100	7,200	7,400	6,800	6,800	6,800
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	485,400	485,100	487,200	37,500	37,600	37,300	46,400	46,300	45,900
Manufacturing	46,500	47,100	49,700	11,100	11,100	11,700	7,100	7,300	7,700
Mining	2,600	2,600	3,300	300	300	300	--	--	--
Construction	31,900	32,200	36,300	1,800	1,800	1,600	1,800	2,000	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	17,800	17,900	19,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Trade	129,400	127,800	127,700	8,600	8,700	8,200	11,900	11,600	10,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	37,300	37,300	36,800	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	110,600	110,700	108,800	7,200	7,200	7,100	9,000	8,900	8,600
Government	109,300	109,500	105,600	5,100	5,100	5,000	12,700	12,600	12,600
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
TOTAL	62,500	63,000	63,600	28,000	27,800	29,500	78,800	79,300	79,500
Manufacturing	10,900	11,100	11,400	3,200	3,200	3,200	15,000	15,200	16,800
Mining	2,100	2,100	2,700	2,500	2,300	3,200	100	100	200
Construction	2,600	2,700	2,900	1,500	1,600	2,000	4,300	4,500	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,900	3,100	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Trade	17,900	17,700	17,700	7,800	7,600	8,400	19,400	19,500	19,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,900	4,000	4,000	1,400	1,400	1,600	4,700	4,700	4,800
Services & Misc.	13,600	13,800	13,100	5,700	5,800	5,300	19,300	19,300	18,600
Government	8,700	8,700	8,700	4,400	4,400	4,300	12,500	12,500	11,900
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	51,400	51,300	52,400						
Manufacturing	8,300	8,300	8,400						
Mining	2,400	2,400	3,000						
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,200						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800						
Trade	13,100	13,000	13,300						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,300	2,300						
Services & Misc.	10,000	10,000	9,900						
Government	10,400	10,400	10,500						

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Dec. 1986*	Nov. 1986**	Dec. 1985**	Change From Nov. 1986	Change From Dec. 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,694,900	6,687,200	6,766,700	7,700	-71,800
Manufacturing	957,800	959,600	996,900	-1,800	-39,100
Durable Goods	556,500	557,800	583,700	-1,300	-27,200
Lumber & Wood Products	39,500	39,700	41,000	-200	-1,500
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,800	7,800	7,500	0	300
Furniture & Fixtures	17,200	17,400	17,900	-200	-700
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	45,300	45,900	48,800	-600	-3,500
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	20,900	21,500	23,400	-600	-2,500
Primary Metal Industries	29,300	29,600	32,700	-300	-3,400
Fabricated Metal Industries	75,000	75,200	82,000	-200	-7,000
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	38,700	39,100	42,400	-400	-3,700
Machinery, Except Electrical	111,600	111,900	129,400	-300	-17,800
Oil Field Machinery	24,300	24,400	37,300	-100	-13,000
Electric & Electronic Equipment	117,400	117,500	113,700	-100	3,700
Transportation Equipment	86,600	85,800	81,400	800	5,200
Aircraft & Parts	50,900	50,300	42,800	600	8,100
Instruments & Related Products	22,100	22,200	23,800	-100	-1,700
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,500	12,600	13,000	-100	-500
Nondurable Goods	401,300	401,800	413,200	-500	-11,900
Food & Kindred Products	98,800	99,200	100,300	-400	-1,500
Meat Products	27,300	27,300	27,000	0	300
Dairy Products	5,300	5,300	5,300	0	0
Bakery Products	11,100	11,200	11,200	-100	-100
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
Textile Mill Products	4,000	4,000	4,500	0	-500
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	52,700	52,700	57,500	0	-4,800
Paper & Allied Products	23,400	23,200	23,100	200	300
Printing & Publishing	76,400	76,700	76,200	-300	200
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,300	38,200	38,100	100	200
Chemicals & Allied Products	73,800	73,900	77,300	-100	-3,500
Petroleum & Coal Products	31,000	31,000	32,600	0	-1,600
Petroleum Refining	28,200	28,100	29,600	100	-1,400
Leather & Leather Products	6,800	6,900	7,700	-100	-900
Other Nondurable Goods	34,400	34,200	34,000	200	400
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,737,100	5,727,600	5,769,800	9,500	-32,700
Mining	191,900	192,100	250,500	-200	-58,600
Oil & Gas Extraction	184,500	184,600	242,200	-100	-57,700
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	7,400	7,500	8,300	-100	-900
Construction	397,800	405,500	444,400	-7,700	-46,600
Transportation & Public Utilities	374,000	374,400	383,200	-400	-9,200
Railroad Transportation	21,400	21,400	23,000	0	-1,600
Transportation, Except Railroads	188,300	188,500	189,000	-200	-700
Transportation by Air	54,900	53,200	48,100	1,700	6,800
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	86,500	86,500	90,400	0	-3,900
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,800	78,000	80,800	-200	-3,000
Electric Services	45,200	45,300	45,800	-100	-600
Gas Production & Distribution	25,300	25,300	28,200	0	-2,900
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,740,900	1,724,300	1,746,500	16,600	-5,600
Wholesale Trade	431,900	431,900	444,500	0	-12,600
Retail Trade	1,309,000	1,292,400	1,302,000	16,600	7,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	46,800	46,900	52,800	-100	-6,000
General Merchandise Stores	184,000	174,900	177,600	9,100	6,400
Food Stores	241,800	239,700	233,800	2,100	8,000
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	144,700	145,200	145,100	-500	-400
Apparel & Accessory Stores	89,200	84,600	91,100	4,600	-1,900
Other Retail Trade	602,500	601,100	601,600	1,400	900
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	455,600	453,300	447,500	2,300	8,100
Banking	102,300	102,300	107,500	0	-5,200
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	145,500	144,600	137,400	900	8,100
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	207,800	206,400	202,600	1,400	5,200
Services	1,383,000	1,385,700	1,362,400	-2,700	20,600
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	85,000	85,700	84,300	-700	700
Personal Services	83,600	83,300	82,400	300	1,200
Business & Repair Services	384,000	383,500	379,600	500	4,400
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	49,600	50,100	53,400	-500	-3,800
Health Services	362,400	362,200	350,700	200	11,700
Educational Services	73,500	74,400	72,300	-900	1,200
Other Services & Miscellaneous	344,900	346,500	339,700	-1,600	5,200
Total Government	1,193,900	1,192,300	1,135,300	1,600	58,600
Total Federal Government	192,700	191,600	189,500	1,100	3,200
Total State Government	251,900	252,100	240,600	-200	11,300
Total Local Government	749,300	748,600	705,200	700	44,100

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Dec.'86*	Nov.'86**	Dec.'85**	Dec.'86*	Nov.'86**	Dec.'85**	Dec.'86*	Nov.'86**	Dec.'85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,500	56,900	56,400	101,300	101,300	100,500	431,500	429,000	418,900
Total Unemployment	5,000	5,100	3,600	6,200	6,500	6,700	25,500	25,200	16,600
Percent Unemployed	8.7	9.0	6.4	6.1	6.4	6.7	5.9	5.9	4.0
Total Employment 2/	52,500	51,800	52,800	95,100	94,800	93,800	406,000	403,800	402,300
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	158,300	157,800	162,000	80,100	79,300	78,600	94,400	93,600	89,400
Total Unemployment	19,700	20,200	18,600	8,400	8,400	6,200	14,000	13,600	11,400
Percent Unemployed	12.4	12.8	11.5	10.5	10.6	7.9	14.8	14.5	12.8
Total Employment 2/	138,600	137,600	143,400	71,700	70,900	72,400	80,400	80,000	78,000
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,600	60,000	57,200	170,300	169,400	164,100	1,403.5	1,405.9	1,355.3
Total Unemployment	3,500	3,700	2,700	20,300	20,600	14,000	81.6	82.8	57.6
Percent Unemployed	6.2	6.2	4.7	11.9	12.2	8.5	5.8	5.9	4.2
Total Employment 2/	53,100	56,300	54,500	150,000	148,800	150,100	1,321.9	1,323.1	1,297.7
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	219,400	217,600	210,200	653,100	646,800	629,300	106,900	106,300	105,500
Total Unemployment	24,400	24,400	19,000	42,400	42,900	29,300	11,300	11,700	9,500
Percent Unemployed	11.1	11.2	9.0	6.5	6.6	4.7	10.6	11.0	9.0
Total Employment 2/	195,000	193,200	191,200	610,700	603,900	600,000	95,600	94,600	96,000
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,660.4	1,653.1	1,630.3	88,600	88,100	85,000	44,900	44,600	41,600
Total Unemployment	160.3	165.5	110.8	6,800	6,800	5,600	7,600	7,600	4,900
Percent Unemployed	9.7	10.0	6.8	7.7	7.7	6.6	16.9	17.0	11.8
Total Employment 2/	1,500.1	1,487.6	1,519.5	81,800	81,300	79,400	37,300	37,000	36,700
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,200	79,600	79,600	111,200	110,000	109,500	146,400	145,000	138,800
Total Unemployment	9,200	8,900	6,900	6,700	7,000	5,500	29,700	30,000	24,200
Percent Unemployed	11.5	11.2	8.7	6.0	6.4	5.0	20.3	20.7	17.4
Total Employment 2/	71,000	70,700	72,700	104,500	103,000	104,000	116,700	115,000	114,600
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,600	52,400	52,100	59,700	59,500	60,200	44,900	44,600	44,200
Total Unemployment	5,500	5,800	2,400	8,900	9,400	3,100	3,000	3,200	1,700
Percent Unemployed	10.5	11.1	4.6	14.9	15.8	5.1	6.7	7.2	3.8
Total Employment 2/	47,100	46,600	49,700	50,800	50,100	57,100	41,900	41,400	42,500
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	571,400	568,200	551,900	47,500	47,100	45,500	58,300	57,600	56,700
Total Unemployment	44,300	45,100	30,900	3,800	3,800	2,600	4,900	4,600	4,400
Percent Unemployed	7.8	7.9	5.6	8.0	8.1	5.7	8.4	8.0	7.8
Total Employment 2/	527,100	523,100	521,000	43,700	43,300	42,900	53,400	53,000	52,300
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,600	76,600	75,500	37,400	37,100	37,500	92,100	91,400	88,400
Total Unemployment	7,200	6,900	5,000	3,700	3,800	2,400	7,500	7,400	5,000
Percent Unemployed	9.3	9.0	6.6	9.9	10.2	6.4	8.1	8.1	5.7
Total Employment 2/	70,400	69,700	70,500	33,700	33,300	35,100	84,600	84,000	83,400
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,500	57,000	56,200				8,253.7	8,215.1	7,993.5
Total Unemployment	4,500	4,500	3,200				718.6	725.9	505.0
Percent Unemployed	7.8	7.9	5.7				8.7	8.8	6.3
Total Employment 2/	53,000	52,500	53,000				7,535.1	7,489.2	7,488.5

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec.± 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985	Dec.± 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985	Dec.± 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 409.34	$ 400.48	$ 400.79	42.2	41.5	42.1	$ 9.70	$ 9.65	$ 9.52
Durable Goods	405.55	391.46	403.18	42.6	41.6	42.8	9.52	9.41	9.42
Lumber & Wood Products	287.73	278.24	267.85	41.7	40.5	39.8	6.90	6.87	6.73
Furniture & Fixtures	238.24	238.01	250.92	37.4	37.6	41.0	6.37	6.33	6.12
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	376.28	371.49	374.53	43.4	43.5	43.0	8.67	8.54	8.71
Primary Metal Industries	407.48	409.76	433.88	39.6	39.4	41.8	10.29	10.40	10.38
Fabricated Metal Products	384.73	367.98	379.74	42.7	41.3	42.1	9.01	8.91	9.02
Machinery, exc. Electric	422.26	407.30	418.47	42.1	41.1	43.5	10.03	9.91	9.62
Oil Field Machinery	492.20	449.91	515.73	43.1	39.5	45.2	11.42	11.39	11.41
Electric & Electronic Equip.	442.78	439.31	451.10	44.5	43.8	45.2	9.95	10.03	9.98
Transportation Equipment	560.00	525.53	553.78	44.8	42.9	43.4	12.50	12.25	12.76
Instruments & Related Prod.	342.74	328.05	348.59	40.9	39.1	42.1	8.38	8.39	8.28
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	289.85	273.88	263.22	42.5	42.2	41.0	6.82	6.49	6.42
Nondurable Goods	413.50	410.94	398.40	41.6	41.3	41.2	9.94	9.95	9.67
Food & Kindred Products	337.39	336.56	342.17	40.6	40.5	42.4	8.31	8.31	8.07
Meat Products	266.13	265.06	268.62	39.9	40.1	40.7	6.67	6.61	6.60
Malt Beverages	824.84	790.62	750.60	47.9	46.1	45.0	17.22	17.15	16.68
Textile Mill Products	324.80	323.30	304.34	46.4	45.6	44.3	7.00	7.09	6.87
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	200.79	192.92	191.78	38.1	37.1	36.6	5.27	5.20	5.24
Paper & Allied Products	462.53	452.55	461.47	43.8	43.1	43.7	10.56	10.50	10.56
Printing & Publishing	393.33	387.43	375.56	40.3	39.9	39.7	9.76	9.71	9.46
Chemicals & Allied Products	645.43	653.81	632.71	43.0	43.5	43.1	15.01	15.03	14.68
Petroleum & Coal Products	636.66	642.32	647.14	42.7	43.4	43.2	14.91	14.80	14.98
Petroleum Refining	661.69	667.93	677.04	42.8	43.4	43.4	15.46	15.39	15.60
Leather & Leather Products	219.85	209.04	212.40	39.4	39.0	39.7	5.58	5.36	5.35
Other Nondurable Goods	410.03	395.98	390.34	46.7	45.1	42.8	8.78	8.78	9.12
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	511.27	516.67	508.65	43.0	43.2	43.4	11.89	11.96	11.72
Oil & Gas Extraction	514.61	519.26	513.61	43.1	43.2	43.6	11.94	12.02	11.78
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	447.69	457.26	375.72	41.3	42.3	37.2	10.84	10.81	10.10
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	490.86	490.03	474.81	40.5	40.7	39.7	12.12	12.04	11.96
Elec., Gas & San. Services	429.16	421.89	461.38	39.7	39.1	39.2	10.81	10.79	11.77
Wholesale & Retail Trade	228.20	225.66	227.96	32.6	32.1	32.8	7.00	7.03	6.95
Wholesale Trade	382.48	381.57	378.34	39.8	39.5	39.7	9.61	9.66	9.53
Retail Trade	183.00	178.80	180.23	30.5	29.8	30.6	6.00	6.00	5.89
General Merchandise Stores	195.74	187.85	188.15	30.3	28.9	30.2	6.46	6.50	6.23
Banking	275.38	283.35	282.36	38.3	39.3	39.0	7.19	7.21	7.24

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 408.31	$ 399.00	$ 402.83	42.8	42.0	42.9	$ 9.54	$ 9.50	$ 9.39
Durable Goods	433.38	421.18	426.62	43.6	42.5	43.4	9.94	9.91	9.83
Nondurable Goods	363.08	359.63	359.10	41.4	41.1	42.0	8.77	8.75	8.55
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	422.45	406.99	394.28	42.5	41.7	41.2	9.94	9.76	9.57
Durable Goods	451.87	431.53	412.51	43.2	42.1	41.5	10.46	10.25	9.94
Nondurable Goods	348.47	343.07	344.92	40.9	40.6	40.2	8.52	8.45	8.58
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	493.24	488.76	488.68	44.0	43.6	43.4	11.21	11.21	11.26
Durable Goods	429.88	418.50	438.88	44.0	43.1	43.8	9.77	9.71	10.02
Nondurable Goods	564.55	568.45	556.40	43.9	44.1	42.8	12.86	12.89	13.00
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	316.50	311.08	302.95	41.7	41.7	41.5	7.59	7.46	7.30
Durable Goods	329.25	325.19	321.86	40.3	40.7	42.8	8.17	7.99	7.52
Nondurable Goods	304.13	297.89	284.92	43.2	42.8	40.3	7.04	6.96	7.07

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

The majority of the manufacturing sectors reported cutbacks in December, shrinking the manufacturing total by 1,800. The number of factory jobs has declined by over 39,000 between December 1985 and December 1986. As has been the case for most of 1986, the bulk of the job losses this month were in durable goods. This sector has been responsible for over two-thirds of the annual cutbacks in manufacturing. Although none of the monthly decreases were large, the cumulative effect was a drop of 1,300 in the durable goods total in December. The most significant declines were in stone, clay and glass products and in nonelectrical machinery. Once again this month, the only durable goods increase was in the aircraft and parts sector of transportation equipment, where newly-awarded defense contracts pushed employment upward.

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Interspersed gains and losses left nondurable goods 500 below its November level. All of the over-the-month changes were moderate, as the largest was a drop of 400 in food and kindred products as workers hired to prepare food for the Holiday season were laid off. Printing and publishing declined due to seasonal layoffs. Minor upturns occurred in paper and allied products and in other nondurable goods.

HOURS AND EARNINGS RISE

The 622,300 manufacturing production workers in Texas worked a 42.2-hour week in December at $9.70 per hour, averaging $409.34 a week. Average weekly hours increased by 0.7 hour over the month, while average hourly earnings rose by 5¢, pushing the weekly wage up by $8.86. There was little change from the December 1985 levels in hours or earnings. Much of the increase in both hours worked and average hourly earnings between November and December was due to more hours worked by higher-paid employees, particularly in durable goods, following further layoffs of newer, lower-paid workers.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
Fourth Quarter 1986
(October-December 1986)

Abilene	$ 2,496,580
Amarillo	2,550,858
Austin	11,533,704
Beaumont-Port Arthur	8,035,960
Brazoria PMSA	3,897,577
Brownsville-Harlingen	4,136,850
Bryan-College Station	1,500,205
Corpus Christi	8,967,609
Dallas PMSA	36,830,742
El Paso	8,172,436
Fort Worth-Arlington PMSA	18,845,623
Galveston-Texas City PMSA	4,935,367
Houston PMSA	82,989,464
Killeen-Temple	1,983,333
Laredo	2,358,693
Longview-Marshall	3,676,752
Lubbock	2,026,962
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	7,106,004
Midland	3,379,724
Odessa	5,238,177
San Angelo	1,398,090
San Antonio	17,172,142
Sherman-Denison	1,818,793
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	883,321
Tyler	3,037,694
Victoria	1,796,543
Waco	3,235,590
Wichita Falls	2,206,270
State of Texas	336,532,470

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Dec. 1986	Dec. 1985
Total Population	16,909,750	16,528,750*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.7	1.6
UI Covered Employers	312,910	314,043
Total Claims Actions	963,853	561,846
Total Initial Claims Actions	92,067	74,087
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	871,786	487,759
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$156.12	$148.96
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$125,348,426	$66,178,897
Total Placements	N/A	29,446

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TEXAS Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION FEBRUARY 1987 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

ALL ESTIMATES FOR 1986 REVISED

All civilian labor force and nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates for 1986 have been revised. The 1986 revised estimates appearing in this issue are not comparable to any previously published data for 1986. These revisions utilize the most recent data available to reflect a refinement of previously published estimates.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates for 1985 have also been revised. Revisions of civilian labor force estimates for 1980-1985 are currently in progress and should be available within the next month. Tabulations of revised data for the State and specific MSA's may be obtained by writing to the Texas Employment Commission, TEC Building, Austin, TX 78778. Please specify the areas for which data is needed.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	117,704.0	118,049.0	115,431.0
Unemployment	8,620.0	7,461.0	8,472.0
Percent Unemployed	7.3	6.3	7.3
Total Employment	109,084.0	110,588.0	106,959.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	119,034.0	118,586.0	116,786.0
Unemployment	8,023.0	7,949.0	7,831.0
Percent Unemployed	6.7	6.7	6.7
Total Employment	111,011.0	110,637.0	108,955.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,208.6	8,317.5	7,923.4
Unemployment	806.8	724.1	545.3
Percent Unemployed	9.8	8.7	6.9
Total Employment	7,401.8	7,593.4	7,378.1
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,293.0	8,354.0	8,006.0
Unemployment	796.0	804.0	533.0
Percent Unemployed	9.6	9.6	6.7
Total Employment	7,497.0	7,550.0	7,473.0

REVIEW OF 1986 ECONOMIC TRENDS IN TEXAS

The Texas economy was badly hurt in 1986 by sharp declines in three major industries. Plummeting foreign oil prices decimated the oil and gas industry, while a glut of vacant housing and office space created an abrupt downturn in construction. Over 80,000 jobs were lost in mining and construction between 1985 and 1986, and cutbacks in related manufacturing industries were numerous. Only two major sectors -- services and government -- recorded increases of any magnitude over the year, but these gains were not sufficient to nullify the larger losses. The over-the-year decrease in nonagricultural wage and salary employment represented the largest annual decrease in this series in over two decades.

Mining, the hardest-hit industry sector, lost 50,400 jobs between 1985 and 1986, for a 19 percent decrease. It is unlikely that this industry will reach peak levels again, as the current crisis has brought home the uncertainty of dependence on oil and gas as the underpinning of the State's economy. The speculative building of both residential and office space kept construction booming until it was evident in 1986 that most areas were vastly overbuilt, and activity came to an abrupt halt. Some 30,300 jobs were lost between 1985 and 1986 -- a seven percent decrease.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Jan.'87*	Dec.'86**	Jan.'86**	Jan.'87*	Dec.'86**	Jan.'86**	Jan.'87*	Dec.'86**	Jan.'86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	49,700	50,300	54,100	77,800	78,700	79,500	361,200	364,400	362,100
Manufacturing	4,800	4,900	5,200	9,800	9,800	9,500	39,600	39,800	41,000
Mining	2,300	2,300	3,700	1,300	1,400	1,700	1,000	1,000	1,100
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,700	3,900	4,000	4,200	21,700	21,900	25,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,600	5,900	6,000	6,300	11,400	11,400	11,200
Trade	13,800	14,200	14,900	23,100	23,700	23,800	81,300	83,300	81,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,600	4,300	4,300	4,400	25,600	25,700	25,000
Services & Misc.	13,100	13,100	13,900	16,000	16,100	15,800	83,200	83,400	81,800
Government	8,300	8,400	8,500	13,500	13,400	13,800	97,400	97,900	95,900
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	126,500	129,600	131,700	55,400	56,800	58,600	65,600	65,900	65,400
Manufacturing	24,000	24,800	26,000	15,000	15,200	16,300	9,700	9,900	9,500
Mining	1,600	1,500	2,400	1,300	1,300	2,000	100	100	100
Construction	7,300	7,500	8,600	5,500	5,600	6,000	2,800	2,800	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,500	9,500	10,100	2,200	2,200	2,500	3,100	3,200	3,300
Trade	31,400	32,900	31,800	10,700	11,300	11,200	17,800	17,800	17,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,600	5,600	2,000	2,000	2,200	3,300	3,300	3,500
Services & Misc.	27,200	27,500	27,300	7,700	7,700	7,900	13,400	13,400	12,900
Government	20,000	20,300	19,900	11,000	11,500	10,500	15,400	15,400	15,300
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	46,100	47,900	48,700	128,700	129,200	131,700	1,319.7	1,333.0	1,336.6
Manufacturing	2,900	2,800	3,400	11,800	11,800	12,600	223.8	224.1	228.4
Mining	800	800	1,000	6,200	6,300	7,500	19.1	19.3	23.6
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,400	8,000	8,000	8,500	70.1	72.1	88.4
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,600	7,100	7,100	7,600	86.3	86.7	85.6
Trade	10,700	11,000	10,800	34,300	34,600	33,800	356.6	363.6	358.4
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,900	6,900	6,900	6,900	132.2	133.1	131.1
Services & Misc.	7,600	7,700	7,700	27,300	27,300	27,400	283.0	284.9	281.7
Government	18,700	20,200	19,900	27,100	27,200	27,400	148.6	149.2	139.4
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	183,300	185,500	182,000	509,900	515,200	507,800	69,200	70,100	70,100
Manufacturing	34,300	35,200	36,200	112,500	114,900	114,600	9,000	9,200	9,500
Mining	200	200	200	3,400	3,400	4,200	400	400	700
Construction	9,400	9,700	9,700	29,500	29,400	32,300	4,500	3,700	4,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,100	10,200	9,900	27,400	27,300	26,200	4,400	4,800	4,700
Trade	45,400	46,500	44,700	136,100	139,000	136,100	13,200	13,800	13,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,800	9,600	9,500	28,500	28,600	28,200	4,600	4,600	4,500
Services & Misc.	35,300	35,300	33,600	109,300	109,500	103,600	12,700	12,800	12,200
Government	38,800	38,800	38,200	63,200	63,100	62,600	20,400	20,800	20,300

The slowdown in mining and construction led to further layoffs in affiliated manufacturing industries, pulling the employment level down by 38,100 over the year, for a four percent decline. About three-fourths of the manufacturing losses were concentrated in durable goods, where such sectors as nonelectrical machinery (which includes oil field machinery), primary metal industries, and lumber and wood products suffered cutbacks during 1986. Nondurable goods was hurt more by foreign competition than by changes in the Texas economy, as factories making clothing and other products continued relocating overseas where costs are cheaper.

Government recorded the largest growth during the past year, with the local sector generating over two-thirds of its increase. Services created the majority of the private (non-governmental) jobs in 1986, while finance, insurance and real estate managed a small advance and transportation and public utilities reported a modest drop. Declines outweighed increases in wholesale and retail trade, pushing the trade sector down over the year.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

There were over 800,000 unemployed Texans in January 1987, an increase of 82,700 from December 1986. The actual Statewide unemployment rate rose from 8.7 percent to 9.8 percent over the month, almost three percentage points above the January 1986 rate

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Jan.'87*	Dec.'86**	Jan.'86**	Jan.'87*	Dec.'86**	Jan.'86**	Jan.'87*	Dec.'86**	Jan.'86**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,370.1	1,389.3	1,451.0	67,700	68,300	66,700	35,100	35,000	34,800
Manufacturing	146.9	147.9	164.9	8,500	8,400	8,600	1,800	1,800	2,000
Mining	63.6	64.8	83.3	100	100	100	1,800	1,700	2,000
Construction	84.1	86.2	98.2	3,800	3,700	3,800	1,300	1,300	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	92.0	92.5	97.6	2,700	2,800	2,800	4,000	4,000	3,900
Trade	352.1	365.3	370.3	16,200	16,700	15,900	10,200	10,400	10,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	100.8	101.5	106.3	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	341.2	342.0	341.2	13,800	13,800	13,000	6,000	6,000	5,600
Government	189.4	189.1	189.2	19,500	19,800	19,500	8,400	8,200	8,000
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	65,100	65,500	67,400	89,900	92,700	90,600	89,000	88,100	87,400
Manufacturing	14,900	14,800	15,800	7,200	7,300	7,700	13,000	12,300	12,100
Mining	3,500	3,600	4,600	300	300	500	1,100	1,200	1,500
Construction	3,100	3,200	3,300	3,200	3,300	4,200	4,700	4,700	4,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,400	4,500	4,700	4,800	2,800	2,800	2,800
Trade	17,300	17,500	17,300	27,700	28,900	27,400	25,900	25,800	26,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,400	3,200	5,300	5,400	5,200	3,900	3,900	3,900
Services & Misc.	11,400	11,500	11,500	20,600	20,900	19,600	13,900	13,700	13,700
Government	8,500	8,400	8,300	21,100	21,900	21,200	23,700	23,700	22,600
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	44,300	44,500	49,500	43,300	44,100	51,000	36,700	37,300	37,800
Manufacturing	3,100	3,100	3,800	3,700	3,600	4,800	5,800	5,900	5,600
Mining	9,000	8,800	11,500	6,100	6,100	8,900	600	600	900
Construction	1,600	1,600	2,000	2,400	2,500	3,300	2,000	2,000	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,200	2,500	2,000	2,200	2,300	3,200	3,200	3,400
Trade	10,600	11,000	11,300	13,000	13,500	14,600	9,200	9,600	9,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	2,900	3,100	1,600	1,600	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,600	8,600	9,200	7,100	7,200	7,800	7,500	7,500	7,600
Government	6,300	6,300	6,100	7,400	7,400	7,500	6,600	6,700	6,700
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	493,100	497,300	489,000	38,100	38,200	37,800	45,200	45,700	45,300
Manufacturing	46,600	47,000	49,600	11,100	11,100	11,700	7,100	7,200	7,200
Mining	2,800	2,600	3,200	100	200	200	--	--	--
Construction	32,100	32,800	36,700	1,800	1,700	1,700	1,400	1,400	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,000	18,000	19,200	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,800	1,800	1,900
Trade	130,200	132,900	126,100	8,900	8,900	8,200	11,300	11,500	10,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	38,600	38,900	37,900	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	115,300	115,800	110,400	7,600	7,600	7,500	9,100	9,200	8,900
Government	109,500	109,300	105,900	5,100	5,200	5,100	12,600	12,700	12,300
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
TOTAL	60,800	61,300	61,700	28,100	28,400	29,200	77,600	79,100	78,100
Manufacturing	11,000	11,100	11,400	2,800	3,100	2,900	14,800	15,200	16,200
Mining	1,900	1,800	2,500	1,900	1,900	2,600	100	100	100
Construction	2,800	2,800	3,200	1,800	1,800	2,100	3,800	3,800	4,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	3,000	1,500	1,600	1,600	3,500	3,500	3,400
Trade	16,500	16,600	16,600	8,200	8,100	8,200	18,900	19,400	18,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,800	3,800	1,500	1,500	1,700	4,800	4,800	4,700
Services & Misc.	13,400	13,600	12,600	6,000	5,900	5,800	19,400	19,700	19,100
Government	8,900	8,900	8,600	4,400	4,500	4,300	12,300	12,600	12,100
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	49,900	50,300	51,300						
Manufacturing	8,100	8,100	8,000						
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,900						
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,200						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,700						
Trade	12,300	12,500	12,500						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,400	2,400						
Services & Misc.	11,100	11,100	10,900						
Government	9,400	9,600	9,700						

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Jan. 1987*	Dec. 1986**	Jan. 1986**	Change From Dec. 1986	Change From Jan. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,471,800	6,538,800	6,648,300	-67,000	-176,500
Manufacturing	941,000	944,800	976,900	-3,800	-35,900
Durable Goods	541,400	545,300	570,300	-3,900	-28,900
Lumber & Wood Products	36,500	36,500	38,000	0	-1,500
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,300	7,300	6,900	0	400
Furniture & Fixtures	16,900	16,900	17,600	0	-700
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	44,600	45,000	48,700	-400	-4,100
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	19,600	20,100	22,400	-500	-2,800
Primary Metal Industries	27,500	27,600	32,000	-100	-4,500
Fabricated Metal Industries	74,200	74,600	80,000	-400	-5,800
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	37,200	37,500	40,400	-300	-3,200
Machinery, Except Electrical	102,200	102,900	118,600	-700	-16,400
Oil Field Machinery	23,500	23,500	37,200	0	-13,700
Electric & Electronic Equipment	119,300	119,200	116,000	100	3,300
Transportation Equipment	85,700	87,500	83,000	-1,800	2,700
Aircraft & Parts	50,200	50,100	43,400	100	6,800
Instruments & Related Products	21,600	21,900	23,400	-300	-1,800
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,900	13,200	13,000	-300	-100
Nondurable Goods	399,600	399,500	406,600	100	-7,000
Food & Kindred Products	97,400	97,400	96,100	0	1,300
Meat Products	27,100	27,300	26,100	-200	1,000
Dairy Products	4,900	4,900	4,900	0	0
Bakery Products	10,700	11,100	10,700	-400	0
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,000	0	100
Textile Mill Products	4,100	4,000	4,500	100	-400
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	49,700	49,900	55,400	-200	-5,700
Paper & Allied Products	23,200	23,300	23,100	-100	100
Printing & Publishing	76,900	77,100	75,800	-200	1,100
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,900	39,100	38,000	-200	900
Chemicals & Allied Products	73,600	73,400	76,500	200	-2,900
Petroleum & Coal Products	33,800	33,500	35,000	300	-1,200
Petroleum Refining	30,500	30,200	31,600	300	-1,100
Leather & Leather Products	6,800	7,100	7,600	-300	-800
Other Nondurable Goods	34,100	33,800	32,600	300	1,500
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,530,800	5,594,000	5,671,400	-63,200	-140,600
Mining	191,000	191,400	248,000	-400	-57,000
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,400	10,500	10,900	-100	-500
Oil & Gas Extraction	180,600	180,900	237,100	-300	-56,500
Construction	378,900	385,800	426,700	-6,900	-47,800
Transportation & Public Utilities	374,200	374,600	375,700	-400	-1,500
Railroad Transportation	21,400	21,400	22,500	0	-1,100
Transportation, Except Railroads	190,300	190,700	186,400	-400	3,900
Transportation by Air	52,200	51,600	47,000	600	5,200
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	85,300	85,700	88,500	-400	-3,200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,200	76,800	78,300	400	-1,100
Electric Services	42,700	42,900	43,000	-200	-300
Gas Production & Distribution	27,200	26,900	28,500	300	-1,300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,659,800	1,699,500	1,690,800	-39,700	-31,000
Wholesale Trade	415,400	417,200	440,600	-1,800	-25,200
Retail Trade	1,244,400	1,282,300	1,250,200	-37,900	-5,800
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	44,000	44,600	49,900	-600	-5,900
General Merchandise Stores	168,400	181,000	164,400	-12,600	4,000
Food Stores	233,400	239,900	226,700	-6,500	6,700
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	133,200	134,500	139,000	-1,300	-5,800
Apparel & Accessory Stores	81,000	88,300	85,600	-7,300	-4,600
Eating & Drinking Places	395,400	398,600	387,000	-3,200	8,400
Other Retail Trade	189,000	195,400	197,600	-6,400	-8,600
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	443,400	444,900	446,200	-1,500	-2,800
Banking	99,800	100,500	106,300	-700	-6,500
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	136,000	136,500	134,200	-500	1,800
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	207,600	207,900	205,700	-300	1,900
Services	1,349,900	1,359,800	1,360,500	-9,900	-10,600
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	83,000	84,200	83,300	-1,200	-300
Personal Services	81,400	82,400	81,400	-1,000	0
Business & Repair Services	360,400	365,500	376,500	-5,100	-16,100
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	49,200	50,400	47,400	-1,200	1,800
Health Services	375,800	375,200	363,100	600	12,700
Educational Services	69,500	70,800	70,400	-1,300	-900
Other Services & Miscellaneous	330,600	331,300	338,400	-700	-7,800
Total Government	1,133,600	1,138,000	1,123,500	-4,400	10,100
Total Federal Government	192,600	192,800	191,600	-200	1,000
Total State Government	242,200	243,700	231,400	-1,500	10,800
Total Local Government	698,800	701,500	700,500	-2,700	-1,700

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Jan.'87*	Dec.'86**	Jan.'86**	Jan.'87*	Dec.'86**	Jan.'86**	Jan.'87*	Dec.'86**	Jan.'86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,400	55,800	55,400	98,600	100,400	97,500	432,300	437,800	412,600
Total Unemployment	5,700	5,000	3,200	7,000	6,200	5,800	29,500	25,800	18,000
Percent Unemployed	10.3	9.0	5.8	7.1	6.2	5.9	6.8	5.9	4.4
Total Employment 2/	49,700	50,800	52,200	91,600	94,200	91,700	402,800	412,000	394,600
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	160,500	162,200	159,500	79,500	81,500	78,600	95,300	95,700	89,900
Total Unemployment	23,400	19,900	20,100	9,300	8,500	7,000	15,800	14,100	12,200
Percent Unemployed	14.6	12.3	12.6	11.7	10.4	8.9	16.6	14.7	13.6
Total Employment 2/	137,100	142,300	139,400	70,200	73,000	71,600	79,500	81,600	77,700
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,200	57,500	55,900	167,400	168,000	159,800	1,420.5	1,440.8	1,371.7
Total Unemployment	3,800	3,600	2,700	22,400	20,500	15,300	94.8	82.6	63.3
Percent Unemployed	6.9	6.3	4.8	13.4	12.2	9.6	6.7	5.7	4.6
Total Employment 2/	51,400	53,900	53,200	145,000	147,500	144,500	1,325.7	1,358.2	1,308.4
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	226,700	231,100	213,800	665,200	671,800	626,400	106,100	106,900	103,500
Total Unemployment	26,600	24,800	19,400	51,800	43,000	30,500	12,500	11,300	10,200
Percent Unemployed	11.7	10.7	9.1	7.8	6.4	4.9	11.8	10.6	9.9
Total Employment 2/	200,100	206,300	194,400	613,400	628,800	595,900	93,600	95,600	93,300
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,594.4	1,620.2	1,586.1	89,500	90,500	84,500	45,800	45,400	41,300
Total Unemployment	174.9	160.9	120.2	7,600	6,900	5,700	8,800	7,700	5,100
Percent Unemployed	11.0	9.9	7.6	8.5	7.6	6.7	19.2	17.0	12.3
Total Employment 2/	1,419.5	1,459.3	1,465.9	81,900	83,600	78,800	37,000	37,700	36,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,500	80,700	78,100	110,600	113,800	107,200	149,800	150,400	138,700
Total Unemployment	10,200	9,300	7,500	7,600	6,800	6,300	32,100	29,800	25,300
Percent Unemployed	12.7	11.5	9.6	6.9	6.0	5.9	21.4	19.8	18.2
Total Employment 2/	70,300	71,400	70,600	103,000	107,000	100,900	117,700	120,600	113,400
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,400	51,900	52,200	58,300	59,200	59,800	45,200	46,100	44,000
Total Unemployment	5,900	5,500	2,800	9,300	9,000	3,800	3,400	3,100	2,000
Percent Unemployed	11.5	10.6	5.4	16.0	15.2	6.4	7.5	6.7	4.5
Total Employment 2/	45,500	46,400	49,400	49,000	50,200	56,000	41,800	43,000	42,000
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	592,300	599,100	556,500	49,000	49,600	46,400	57,700	58,200	55,600
Total Unemployment	51,700	45,100	32,800	4,300	3,900	2,600	5,400	4,900	4,700
Percent Unemployed	8.7	7.5	5.9	8.8	7.9	5.6	9.4	8.4	8.5
Total Employment 2/	540,600	554,000	523,700	44,700	45,700	43,800	52,300	53,300	50,900
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,600	77,700	73,000	38,300	38,500	37,100	91,900	93,700	87,300
Total Unemployment	7,600	7,300	5,100	4,200	3,700	2,500	8,100	7,600	5,400
Percent Unemployed	9.9	9.4	7.0	11.0	9.6	6.7	8.8	8.1	6.2
Total Employment 2/	69,000	70,400	67,900	34,100	34,800	34,600	83,800	86,100	81,900
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,400	57,800	55,600				8,208.6	8,317.5	7,923.4
Total Unemployment	5,300	4,600	3,300				806.8	724.1	545.3
Percent Unemployed	9.2	8.0	5.9				9.8	8.7	6.9
Total Employment 2/	52,100	53,200	52,300				7,401.8	7,593.4	7,378.1

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan.± 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986	Jan.± 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986	Jan.± 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 404.33	$ 411.60	$ 398.13	41.3	42.0	41.3	$ 9.79	$ 9.80	$ 9.64
Durable Goods	390.04	407.46	393.65	41.1	42.4	41.7	9.49	9.61	9.44
Lumber & Wood Products	281.07	285.93	276.86	40.5	41.2	40.3	6.94	6.94	6.87
Furniture & Fixtures	266.13	249.60	242.97	39.9	39.0	39.0	6.67	6.40	6.23
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	382.89	397.25	381.05	41.8	42.9	43.9	9.16	9.26	8.68
Primary Metal Industries	417.74	422.50	413.28	40.4	40.9	39.7	10.34	10.33	10.41
Fabricated Metal Products	364.67	373.50	367.77	40.7	41.5	41.0	8.96	9.00	8.97
Machinery, exc. Electric	398.52	422.00	408.24	40.5	42.2	42.0	9.84	10.00	9.72
Oil Field Machinery	409.17	459.15	476.86	36.5	40.1	42.2	11.21	11.45	11.30
Electric & Electronic Equip.	421.68	444.97	430.86	42.0	44.1	43.0	10.04	10.09	10.02
Transportation Equipment	517.02	556.96	535.52	42.8	44.7	42.3	12.08	12.46	12.66
Instruments & Related Prod.	342.86	344.66	337.39	39.5	40.5	40.6	8.68	8.51	8.31
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	249.46	267.11	264.37	37.4	38.6	40.3	6.67	6.92	6.56
Nondurable Goods	422.66	417.25	403.51	41.6	41.6	40.8	10.16	10.03	9.89
Food & Kindred Products	364.17	346.09	343.96	42.1	41.3	42.1	8.65	8.38	8.17
Meat Products	302.45	271.76	285.23	42.3	39.5	41.7	7.15	6.88	6.84
Malt Beverages	882.26	821.96	800.70	50.3	47.9	47.1	17.54	17.16	17.00
Textile Mill Products	315.95	318.96	314.43	45.2	45.5	44.6	6.99	7.01	7.05
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	195.60	192.88	189.49	37.4	36.6	36.3	5.23	5.27	5.22
Paper & Allied Products	463.03	463.32	465.84	43.6	44.0	43.7	10.62	10.53	10.66
Printing & Publishing	385.14	388.00	370.88	39.3	40.0	38.0	9.80	9.70	9.76
Chemicals & Allied Products	647.36	649.93	621.62	42.9	43.3	42.9	15.09	15.01	14.49
Petroleum & Coal Products	683.65	674.96	653.62	43.6	43.8	43.2	15.68	15.41	15.13
Petroleum Refining	711.31	701.80	682.08	43.8	44.0	43.5	16.24	15.95	15.68
Leather & Leather Products	205.88	226.24	209.81	37.5	40.4	37.2	5.49	5.60	5.64
Other Nondurable Goods	392.82	399.97	380.84	45.1	47.0	42.6	8.71	8.51	8.94
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	494.34	501.74	519.48	42.0	41.5	44.4	11.77	12.09	11.70
Oil & Gas Extraction	493.50	500.11	525.95	42.0	41.4	44.8	11.75	12.08	11.74
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	503.69	509.54	420.74	41.8	41.8	38.6	12.05	12.19	10.90
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	486.78	488.71	473.61	39.9	39.7	39.5	12.20	12.31	11.99
Elec., Gas & San. Services	436.17	421.79	458.45	40.2	39.2	39.9	10.85	10.76	11.49
Wholesale & Retail Trade	221.27	225.78	226.80	31.7	32.3	32.4	6.98	6.99	7.00
Wholesale Trade	378.07	382.31	381.84	39.3	39.7	39.9	9.62	9.63	9.57
Retail Trade	173.17	178.49	176.70	29.4	30.1	30.0	5.89	5.93	5.89
General Merchandise Stores	171.05	194.30	171.92	27.5	29.8	28.0	6.22	6.52	6.14
Banking	268.23	266.92	263.09	37.1	37.7	37.8	7.23	7.08	6.96

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 398.05	$ 408.96	$ 388.10	41.9	42.6	41.2	$ 9.50	$ 9.60	$ 9.42
Durable Goods	422.00	438.05	412.41	42.2	43.2	41.7	10.00	10.14	9.89
Nondurable Goods	359.35	359.81	347.44	41.4	41.5	40.4	8.68	8.67	8.60
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	413.34	428.00	403.24	41.5	42.8	41.7	9.96	10.00	9.67
Durable Goods	433.05	453.10	423.95	41.8	43.4	42.1	10.36	10.44	10.07
Nondurable Goods	362.64	361.79	349.61	40.7	41.3	40.7	8.91	8.76	8.59
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	483.84	485.70	468.29	43.2	43.6	41.7	11.20	11.14	11.23
Durable Goods	405.77	417.41	410.59	42.4	43.3	41.6	9.57	9.64	9.87
Nondurable Goods	573.30	564.52	544.28	44.1	44.0	41.9	13.00	12.83	12.99
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	305.45	309.09	300.77	41.0	41.6	40.7	7.45	7.43	7.39
Durable Goods	334.40	333.23	331.08	40.0	40.1	42.5	8.36	8.31	7.79
Nondurable Goods	276.78	286.38	271.83	42.0	43.0	39.0	6.59	6.66	6.97

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor of 6.9 percent. Total employment declined over the month, to 7,401,800 in mid-January. Much of the over-the-month decline in employment was seasonal, as workers hired for Christmas were laid off. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Texas remained unchanged from December to January, at 9.6 percent.

Some 67,000 nonagricultural wage and salary jobs were lost in January, as every major industry sector recorded declines. The bulk of the reduction occurred in the nonmanufacturing sector. Trade alone cut almost 40,000 positions, as jobs created to cope with the Holiday rush were deleted, primarily in the retail sector. Most of the loss of almost 10,000 jobs in services in January was also seasonal.

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Although poor weather was a factor, the majority of the almost 7,000 jobs firms in construction cut in January were due to a lack of ongoing projects. Government declined by 4,400 over the month, as local and state educational facilities let workers go between semesters. The downturn in mining continued to be insignificant in January, as only 400 additional jobs were lost; and transportation and public utilities also recorded a decrease of 400.

Manufacturing employment continued to slide downward over the month, with all of the major declines in the durable goods sector, which dropped by 3,900. The largest of the decreases occurred within transportation equipment, where a large company shut down temporarily for retooling, releasing 1,800 workers. Nonelectrical machinery suffered a smaller downturn, as orders for metalworking machinery, computing and accounting equipment, and farm and garden machinery declined. Moderate decreases were reported in most other sectors of durable goods in January.

Small gains and losses were interspersed throughout nondurable goods over the month, leaving the total virtually unchanged. Small declines were evident in apparel and other textile products, paper and allied products, printing and publishing, and leather and leather products in January. Modest increases in chemicals and allied products and petroleum and coal products kept employment in this sector stable.

HOURS AND EARNINGS DECLINE

The number of manufacturing production workers in Texas declined from 609,300 in December to 603,700 in January. Average weekly hours worked decreased by 0.7 hour in January, while average hourly earnings dropped by 1¢, pushing average weekly earnings down by $7.27. Compared to a year ago, average weekly hours were unchanged and average hourly earnings had risen 15¢, pushing average weekly earnings up by $6.20.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1987	Jan. 1986
Total Population	16,834,800	16,525,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.8	1.9
UI Covered Employers	314,010	314,403
Total Claims Actions	950,328	704,414
Total Initial Claims Actions	102,377	95,240
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	847,951	609,174
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$156.41	$148.96
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$114,950,561	$77,706,604
Total Placements	23,467	32,375

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UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES MODERATELY

The State's actual unemployment rate declined moderately over the month, dropping from 9.8 percent in January to 9.2 percent in February. There were 758,600 jobless Texans in mid-February, down 48,200 from January, but still 62,000 above the year-ago level, when the rate was 8.8 percent. Although the rate declined over the month, the February rate was still the fourth-highest ever recorded, exceeded only by the rates for June and July 1986 and January 1987. Total employment rose by 65,900 in February, to 7,467,700 -- up 219,700 from the February 1986 level.

In the seasonally adjusted series, the State's unemployment rate decreased significantly, from 9.6 percent in January to 8.7 percent in February. While the Texas rates fluctuated over the month, the Nation's unemployment rates remained virtually unchanged. The actual rate for the U. S. inched down from 7.3 percent to 7.2 percent, and the seasonally adjusted rate remained unchanged, at 6.7 percent.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	117,967.0	117,704.0	115,726.0
Unemployment	8,503.0	8,602.0	9,041.0
Percent Unemployed	7.2	7.3	7.8
Total Employment	109,464.0	109,084.0	106,685.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	119,349.0	119,034.0	117,042.0
Unemployment	7,967.0	8,023.0	8,485.0
Percent Unemployed	6.7	6.7	7.2
Total Employment	111,382.0	111,011.0	108,557.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,226.3	8,208.6	7,944.5
Unemployment	758.6	806.8	696.5
Percent Unemployed	9.2	9.8	8.8
Total Employment	7,467.7	7,401.8	7,248.0
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,315.0	8,293.0	8,026.0
Unemployment	723.0	796.0	661.0
Percent Unemployed	8.7	9.6	8.2
Total Employment	7,592.0	7,497.0	7,365.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT INCREASES

The number of nonfarm, salaried jobs in Texas increased by 25,700 between January and February, as seasonal increases in government and services helped boost employment levels. There were an estimated 6,485,400 nonfarm, salaried jobs in mid-February, down 156,300 from the February 1986 level. Every major industry sector except government and transportation and utilities had lost jobs over the year.

Government also created more jobs in February than any other industry group, as state and local schools and universities added 15,400 positions to complete their staffing for the spring semester. The educational portion of services also increased substantially in February, as private schools readied for the new semester, adding 3,400 jobs. Services generated 9,000 new jobs over the month, as hospitals and doctors' offices hired 3,300 additional workers to assist during the flu and allergy

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Feb.'87*	Jan.'87**	Feb.'86**	Feb.'87*	Jan.'87**	Feb.'86**	Feb.'87*	Jan.'87**	Feb.'86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	50,200	49,800	53,000	77,200	77,700	78,800	363,200	361,000	364,500
Manufacturing	4,800	4,800	5,200	9,800	9,800	9,600	39,400	39,400	40,900
Mining	2,200	2,300	3,500	1,300	1,300	1,700	1,000	1,000	1,100
Construction	2,400	2,300	2,600	3,900	3,900	4,000	21,300	21,500	24,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,500	2,600	5,800	5,800	6,200	11,400	11,400	11,100
Trade	14,000	13,900	14,600	22,600	23,100	23,000	80,500	81,300	80,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,600	4,400	4,300	4,300	25,600	25,500	25,100
Services & Misc.	13,300	13,100	13,500	16,000	16,100	15,800	83,700	83,400	82,200
Government	8,300	8,300	8,400	13,400	13,400	14,200	100,300	97,500	98,500
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	127,200	126,600	131,700	56,300	55,700	59,200	65,800	65,700	65,900
Manufacturing	24,100	24,100	25,900	15,200	15,200	16,400	9,600	9,800	9,600
Mining	1,600	1,600	2,300	1,300	1,300	2,000	100	100	100
Construction	7,600	7,300	8,600	5,600	5,400	6,100	2,800	2,700	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,700	9,700	10,100	2,200	2,200	2,600	3,100	3,100	3,300
Trade	31,300	31,300	31,900	10,800	10,800	11,200	17,800	17,700	17,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,500	5,500	1,900	1,900	2,200	3,300	3,300	3,500
Services & Misc.	27,400	27,100	27,400	7,700	7,700	7,900	13,500	13,500	13,000
Government	20,100	20,000	20,000	11,600	11,200	10,800	15,600	15,500	15,500
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	48,300	45,900	49,500	128,100	128,000	131,900	1,312.4	1,316.6	1,337.9
Manufacturing	2,700	2,800	3,300	11,800	11,800	12,500	222.9	223.3	229.2
Mining	800	800	1,000	6,000	6,000	7,300	19.0	19.1	23.2
Construction	2,000	2,100	2,400	7,700	8,000	8,900	67.2	69.5	86.8
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,600	7,200	7,100	7,400	86.1	86.1	85.9
Trade	11,100	10,700	11,000	33,800	33,800	33,700	353.1	356.1	355.8
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,900	6,800	6,800	6,800	131.3	131.3	131.9
Services & Misc.	7,700	7,500	8,000	27,500	27,500	27,700	283.1	283.0	283.8
Government	20,700	18,700	20,300	27,300	27,000	27,600	149.7	148.2	141.3
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	183,100	184,400	182,800	510,000	509,600	506,900	69,200	69,100	71,600
Manufacturing	34,100	34,400	36,600	111,800	111,900	113,900	9,000	9,100	9,800
Mining	100	200	200	3,400	3,400	4,200	400	400	700
Construction	9,700	9,400	9,800	29,300	29,500	31,500	4,400	4,500	5,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,000	10,100	9,800	27,200	27,000	25,900	4,400	4,400	5,100
Trade	44,700	45,300	44,300	134,900	136,600	134,900	13,100	13,200	13,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,900	9,900	9,400	28,600	28,500	28,000	4,400	4,400	4,500
Services & Misc.	35,400	35,600	33,600	110,900	109,700	105,100	12,600	12,500	12,400
Government	39,200	39,500	39,100	63,900	63,000	63,400	20,900	20,600	20,600

season. Employment also rose in other services and miscellaneous, as civil, social and fraternal associations began preparation for outdoor activities.

Transportation and public utilities recorded 1,100 additional jobs in February, with all of the growth concentrated in transportation, except railroads. Within that category, equal-sized increases were registered in transportation by air and in water transportation. The other sectors of this industry group had offsetting small gains and losses. Minor upward and downward changes also nullified one another within finance, insurance and real estate over the month.

Seasonal cutbacks in wholesale and retail trade following the Holiday rush and inventory-taking left this industry down 5,400 in February. Wholesale trade lost 1,100 positions, as the demand for construction materials declined. The majority of the losses, however, were within the retail portion of trade. General merchandise stores cut 3,200 jobs and apparel and accessory stores deleted 900 positions. Automotive dealers and service stations declined by 1,200, as auto sales declined due to the tight economy. Moderate upturns were noted in food stores and in eating and drinking places.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Feb.'87*	Jan.'87**	Feb.'86**	Feb.'87*	Jan.'87**	Feb.'86**	Feb.'87*	Jan.'87**	Feb.'86**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,371.9	1,372.6	1,447.1	67,600	67,500	67,100	34,800	34,800	34,800
Manufacturing	147.5	147.2	164.5	8,500	8,600	8,800	1,800	1,700	1,900
Mining	63.5	64.0	81.7	100	100	100	1,900	1,800	1,900
Construction	83.9	84.0	98.5	3,700	3,700	3,900	1,400	1,300	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	92.3	92.2	97.6	2,700	2,700	2,800	3,900	4,000	3,800
Trade	351.1	355.0	365.3	16,000	16,200	15,600	9,900	10,100	10,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	100.4	100.7	106.2	3,000	2,900	3,000	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	342.5	340.2	343.0	13,900	13,800	13,300	5,900	6,000	5,600
Government	190.7	189.3	190.3	19,700	19,500	19,600	8,400	8,300	8,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	64,700	64,800	67,000	90,800	89,900	90,600	89,300	89,100	87,600
Manufacturing	14,800	14,900	15,700	7,200	7,200	7,400	13,000	13,000	12,100
Mining	3,500	3,500	4,600	300	300	400	1,100	1,100	1,400
Construction	3,000	3,000	3,300	3,200	3,200	4,200	4,700	4,600	4,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,500	4,600	4,500	4,700	2,800	2,800	2,800
Trade	17,100	17,100	17,100	27,600	27,600	27,100	26,300	26,100	25,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,200	5,300	5,300	5,400	3,900	3,900	4,100
Services & Misc.	11,400	11,400	11,300	20,900	20,700	19,800	13,700	13,800	13,700
Government	8,400	8,400	8,300	21,700	21,100	21,600	23,800	23,800	23,000
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	44,100	44,000	48,900	43,400	43,100	50,100	37,100	36,800	37,600
Manufacturing	3,100	3,100	3,800	3,500	3,500	4,700	5,900	5,900	5,600
Mining	8,800	9,000	11,100	6,100	6,100	8,400	600	600	900
Construction	1,500	1,600	1,900	2,300	2,400	3,100	2,000	2,000	2,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,300	2,200	2,400	2,000	2,000	2,300	3,200	3,200	3,400
Trade	10,600	10,600	11,100	13,000	13,000	14,400	9,400	9,200	9,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	2,900	3,100	1,700	1,600	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,600	8,500	9,200	7,200	7,100	7,900	7,500	7,500	7,700
Government	6,300	6,100	6,300	7,600	7,400	7,600	6,700	6,600	6,700
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	494,500	492,700	491,500	38,000	38,100	37,900	44,600	44,500	44,700
Manufacturing	46,300	46,400	48,800	11,000	11,100	11,700	7,200	7,200	7,200
Mining	2,600	2,700	3,100	100	100	200	--	--	--
Construction	31,700	32,200	36,800	1,800	1,800	1,700	1,400	1,400	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,100	18,100	18,900	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,900	1,900	1,900
Trade	129,600	130,100	126,300	8,800	8,900	8,200	10,600	10,800	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	39,100	38,600	38,000	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,800	1,800	1,900
Services & Misc.	116,600	115,000	112,100	7,600	7,600	7,400	9,100	8,900	8,900
Government	110,500	109,600	107,500	5,200	5,100	5,200	12,600	12,500	12,300
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
TOTAL	60,000	60,100	61,700	27,900	27,800	29,000	78,000	77,600	78,600
Manufacturing	11,000	11,000	11,300	3,000	2,800	3,000	14,800	14,600	16,200
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,500	1,800	1,800	2,600	100	100	200
Construction	2,600	2,800	3,000	1,900	1,800	2,200	3,800	3,900	4,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,900	1,500	1,400	1,600	3,400	3,500	3,400
Trade	16,100	16,200	16,300	7,700	8,100	7,800	19,100	19,000	18,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,700	3,800	1,500	1,500	1,600	4,800	4,800	4,700
Services & Misc.	13,300	13,100	13,100	6,100	6,000	5,800	19,600	19,400	19,200
Government	8,800	8,700	8,800	4,400	4,400	4,400	12,400	12,300	12,300
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	50,000	50,000	50,800						
Manufacturing	8,000	8,100	8,100						
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,700						
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,200						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,700						
Trade	12,300	12,400	12,200						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,400	2,400						
Services & Misc.	11,200	11,100	10,900						
Government	9,500	9,400	9,500						

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Feb. 1987*	Jan. 1987**	Feb. 1986**	Change From Jan. 1987	Change From Feb. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,485,400	6,469,700	6,641,700	25,700	-156,300
Manufacturing	942,300	941,100	976,300	1,200	-34,000
Durable Goods	542,300	541,800	568,700	500	-26,400
Lumber & Wood Products	36,400	36,300	37,900	100	-1,500
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,300	7,300	6,900	0	400
Furniture & Fixtures	16,800	16,800	17,700	0	-900
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	44,800	44,500	48,800	300	-4,000
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	19,800	19,700	22,400	100	-2,600
Primary Metal Industries	27,700	27,700	31,700	0	-4,000
Fabricated Metal Industries	74,200	74,000	79,700	200	-5,500
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	37,400	37,300	40,300	100	-2,900
Machinery, Except Electrical	101,800	102,100	117,000	-300	-15,200
Oil Field Machinery	23,200	23,400	35,900	-200	-12,700
Electric & Electronic Equipment	119,100	119,100	116,200	0	2,900
Transportation Equipment	86,700	86,300	83,300	400	3,400
Aircraft & Parts	50,800	50,500	43,700	300	7,100
Instruments & Related Products	22,000	22,000	23,200	0	-1,200
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,800	13,000	13,200	-200	-400
Nondurable Goods	400,000	399,300	407,600	700	-7,600
Food & Kindred Products	97,600	97,100	96,500	500	1,100
Meat Products	27,000	27,100	26,100	-100	900
Dairy Products	4,900	4,800	4,900	100	0
Bakery Products	11,100	11,100	10,800	0	300
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,000	3,000	100	100
Textile Mill Products	4,100	4,100	4,500	0	-400
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	50,000	50,000	55,300	0	-5,300
Paper & Allied Products	23,200	23,000	22,900	200	300
Printing & Publishing	77,300	76,900	76,600	400	700
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	39,100	38,900	38,800	200	300
Chemicals & Allied Products	73,500	73,700	76,500	-200	-3,000
Petroleum & Coal Products	33,200	33,400	34,900	-200	-1,700
Petroleum Refining	29,900	30,100	31,500	-200	-1,600
Leather & Leather Products	7,000	7,000	7,500	0	-500
Other Nondurable Goods	34,100	34,100	32,900	0	1,200
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,543,100	5,528,600	5,665,400	14,500	-122,300
Mining	190,000	190,700	240,400	-700	-50,400
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,400	10,400	10,800	0	-400
Oil & Gas Extraction	179,600	180,300	229,600	-700	-50,000
Construction	372,400	377,400	421,300	-5,000	-48,900
Transportation & Public Utilities	377,400	376,300	375,000	1,100	2,400
Railroad Transportation	20,600	20,600	22,300	0	-1,700
Transportation, Except Railroads	194,000	192,900	186,000	1,100	8,000
Transportation by Air	53,100	52,500	46,700	600	6,400
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	86,000	85,900	88,400	100	-2,400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,800	76,900	78,300	-100	-1,500
Electric Services	42,800	42,700	43,100	100	-300
Gas Production & Distribution	26,900	27,000	28,300	-100	-1,400
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,652,800	1,658,200	1,674,700	-5,400	-21,900
Wholesale Trade	413,900	415,000	439,000	-1,100	-25,100
Retail Trade	1,238,900	1,243,200	1,235,700	-4,300	3,200
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,600	43,800	50,000	-200	-6,400
General Merchandise Stores	164,800	168,000	157,100	-3,200	7,700
Food Stores	234,400	233,200	225,600	1,200	8,800
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	132,200	133,400	137,800	-1,200	-5,600
Apparel & Accessory Stores	80,300	81,200	82,700	-900	-2,400
Eating & Drinking Places	395,300	394,500	389,700	800	5,600
Other Retail Trade	188,300	189,100	192,800	-800	-4,500
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	441,500	441,400	446,600	100	-5,100
Banking	98,600	99,400	105,900	-800	-7,300
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	136,600	136,200	134,700	400	1,900
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	206,300	205,800	206,000	500	300
Services	1,358,100	1,349,100	1,367,900	9,000	-9,800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	83,700	83,300	84,400	400	-700
Personal Services	82,500	82,100	81,600	400	900
Business & Repair Services	360,600	361,200	377,100	-600	-16,500
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	48,100	48,100	49,100	0	-1,000
Health Services	379,700	376,400	364,300	3,300	15,400
Educational Services	70,600	67,200	72,400	3,400	-1,800
Other Services & Miscellaneous	332,900	330,800	339,000	2,100	-6,100
Total Government	1,150,900	1,135,500	1,139,500	15,400	11,400
Total Federal Government	192,800	192,200	193,300	600	-500
Total State Government	251,800	243,800	236,200	8,000	15,600
Total Local Government	706,300	699,500	710,000	6,800	-3,700

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Feb.'87*	Jan.'87**	Feb.'86**	Feb.'87*	Jan.'87**	Feb.'86**	Feb.'87*	Jan.'87**	Feb.'86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,600	55,500	54,900	99,100	98,700	96,400	437,600	433,200	411,900
Total Unemployment	5,200	5,600	4,200	6,900	7,000	7,000	28,400	29,500	22,100
Percent Unemployed	9.4	10.1	7.7	7.0	7.1	7.3	6.5	6.8	5.4
Total Employment 2/	50,400	49,900	50,700	92,200	91,700	89,400	409,200	403,700	389,800
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	161,200	161,000	162,300	80,500	80,100	79,500	95,600	95,500	94,500
Total Unemployment	21,900	23,400	25,100	8,600	9,300	8,600	14,900	15,900	17,400
Percent Unemployed	13.6	14.5	15.5	10.7	11.6	10.8	15.6	16.6	18.4
Total Employment 2/	139,300	137,600	137,200	71,900	70,800	70,900	80,700	79,600	77,100
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	58,000	55,300	56,600	167,100	166,300	161,500	1,416.9	1,415.4	1,364.6
Total Unemployment	3,500	3,800	3,500	21,500	22,300	18,900	89.1	94.7	77.6
Percent Unemployed	6.0	6.9	6.2	12.9	13.4	11.7	6.3	6.7	5.7
Total Employment 2/	54,500	51,500	53,100	145,600	144,000	142,600	1,327.8	1,320.7	1,287.0
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	228,400	228,000	216,800	667,400	664,300	623,800	106,700	106,200	105,500
Total Unemployment	26,100	26,700	25,500	49,100	51,600	38,900	12,100	12,500	12,700
Percent Unemployed	11.4	11.7	11.8	7.4	7.8	6.2	11.3	11.8	12.0
Total Employment 2/	202,300	201,300	191,300	618,300	612,700	584,900	94,600	93,700	92,800
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,598.8	1,600.2	1,592.4	90,100	89,700	84,700	45,900	45,900	43,900
Total Unemployment	161.5	174.9	153.2	7,300	7,600	6,700	8,400	8,800	8,200
Percent Unemployed	10.1	10.9	9.6	8.1	8.5	7.9	18.3	19.2	18.7
Total Employment 2/	1,437.3	1,425.3	1,439.2	82,800	82,100	78,000	37,500	37,100	35,700
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,500	80,400	78,800	111,800	110,300	106,700	148,700	150,400	144,900
Total Unemployment	9,400	10,200	9,400	7,400	7,700	8,000	29,700	32,600	33,400
Percent Unemployed	11.7	12.7	11.9	6.6	7.0	7.5	20.0	21.7	23.1
Total Employment 2/	71,100	70,200	69,400	104,400	102,600	98,700	119,000	117,800	111,500
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,200	51,500	52,100	57,900	58,400	59,500	45,900	45,300	44,000
Total Unemployment	5,400	5,900	4,000	8,500	9,300	5,500	3,100	3,400	2,600
Percent Unemployed	10.5	11.5	7.7	14.7	15.9	9.2	6.8	7.5	5.9
Total Employment 2/	45,800	45,600	48,100	49,400	49,100	54,000	42,800	41,900	41,400
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	595,300	592,100	557,000	49,400	49,100	46,500	56,800	56,800	55,800
Total Unemployment	48,900	51,700	40,000	4,100	4,300	3,300	5,200	5,400	5,600
Percent Unemployed	8.2	8.7	7.2	8.3	8.8	7.1	9.2	9.5	10.0
Total Employment 2/	546,400	540,400	517,000	45,300	44,800	43,200	51,600	51,400	50,200
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,600	76,400	74,000	38,200	38,200	37,100	92,700	91,900	87,500
Total Unemployment	8,100	7,600	6,500	4,000	4,100	3,300	7,300	8,000	6,300
Percent Unemployed	10.4	9.9	8.8	10.5	10.7	8.9	7.9	8.7	7.2
Total Employment 2/	69,500	68,800	67,500	34,200	34,100	33,800	85,400	83,900	81,200
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,600	57,500	55,300				8,226.3	8,208.6	7,944.5
Total Unemployment	5,100	5,400	4,500				758.6	806.8	696.5
Percent Unemployed	8.9	9.4	8.1				9.2	9.8	8.8
Total Employment 2/	52,500	52,100	50,800				7,467.7	7,401.8	7,248.0

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb.± 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Feb.± 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Feb.± 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 399.90	$ 402.68	$ 391.68	41.1	41.3	40.8	$ 9.73	$ 9.75	$ 9.60
Durable Goods	393.71	389.22	387.69	41.4	41.1	41.2	9.51	9.47	9.41
Lumber & Wood Products	282.98	280.70	276.34	40.6	40.1	40.4	6.97	7.00	6.84
Furniture & Fixtures	256.56	259.64	239.98	39.9	39.7	39.6	6.43	6.54	6.06
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	385.90	378.64	368.51	42.5	41.7	43.1	9.08	9.08	8.55
Primary Metal Industries	418.18	419.80	414.72	40.6	40.6	39.8	10.30	10.34	10.42
Fabricated Metal Products	362.56	367.85	360.86	40.6	41.1	40.5	8.93	8.95	8.91
Machinery, exc. Electric	412.93	405.14	407.12	41.5	40.8	41.5	9.95	9.93	9.81
Oil Field Machinery	476.99	448.48	476.74	42.1	39.1	41.6	11.33	11.47	11.46
Electric & Electronic Equip.	430.36	428.98	421.00	42.4	42.6	42.1	10.15	10.07	10.00
Transportation Equipment	519.79	496.52	523.74	43.1	41.9	41.6	12.06	11.85	12.59
Instruments & Related Prod.	344.74	343.47	350.61	39.9	39.8	41.2	8.64	8.63	8.51
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	255.36	250.13	247.56	38.0	37.5	38.5	6.72	6.67	6.43
Nondurable Goods	406.41	419.74	396.96	40.6	41.6	40.3	10.01	10.09	9.85
Food & Kindred Products	339.36	358.27	326.01	40.4	42.1	40.7	8.40	8.51	8.01
Meat Products	249.31	294.27	267.85	37.1	41.8	39.8	6.72	7.04	6.73
Malt Beverages	858.39	862.65	769.59	48.8	48.6	45.7	17.59	17.75	16.84
Textile Mill Products	323.18	323.38	298.68	46.5	46.0	43.1	6.95	7.03	6.93
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	189.80	197.78	184.62	36.5	37.6	35.3	5.20	5.26	5.23
Paper & Allied Products	458.17	458.15	463.66	42.9	43.1	43.7	10.68	10.63	10.61
Printing & Publishing	383.57	382.59	380.25	39.1	39.0	39.0	9.81	9.81	9.75
Chemicals & Allied Products	629.82	651.89	609.29	42.1	43.2	42.4	14.96	15.09	14.37
Petroleum & Coal Products	640.23	672.99	650.38	41.9	43.9	43.1	15.28	15.33	15.09
Petroleum Refining	664.86	699.43	676.94	42.0	44.1	43.2	15.83	15.86	15.67
Leather & Leather Products	207.59	209.72	216.41	38.3	38.2	37.9	5.42	5.49	5.71
Other Nondurable Goods	382.70	391.02	380.38	44.5	45.1	42.5	8.60	8.67	8.95
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	464.89	503.58	510.74	39.7	42.0	43.1	11.71	11.99	11.85
Oil & Gas Extraction	461.76	503.16	517.22	39.5	42.0	43.5	11.69	11.98	11.89
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	501.12	502.85	384.82	41.9	41.8	35.5	11.96	12.03	10.84
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	476.28	481.56	480.80	39.2	39.7	40.0	12.15	12.13	12.02
Elec., Gas & San. Services	425.17	432.92	458.50	38.2	39.9	39.8	11.13	10.85	11.52
Wholesale & Retail Trade	221.52	221.90	225.02	31.6	31.7	32.1	7.01	7.00	7.01
Wholesale Trade	378.88	378.07	381.12	39.1	39.3	39.7	9.69	9.62	9.60
Retail Trade	173.46	174.34	174.34	29.3	29.4	29.7	5.92	5.93	5.87
General Merchandise Stores	170.66	169.01	174.65	26.5	26.7	27.9	6.44	6.33	6.26
Banking	264.59	265.24	273.78	36.8	37.2	39.0	7.19	7.13	7.02

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 394.78	$ 398.89	$ 385.56	41.6	41.9	40.8	$ 9.49	$ 9.52	$ 9.45
Durable Goods	422.77	425.96	408.70	41.9	42.3	41.2	10.09	10.07	9.92
Nondurable Goods	348.94	354.32	346.87	41.1	41.2	40.1	8.49	8.60	8.65
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	420.89	401.14	397.17	42.3	41.1	41.2	9.95	9.76	9.64
Durable Goods	445.91	417.54	412.64	43.0	41.3	41.1	10.37	10.11	10.04
Nondurable Goods	358.09	358.43	355.63	40.6	40.5	41.4	8.82	8.85	8.59
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	481.74	483.66	463.42	43.4	43.3	41.6	11.10	11.17	11.14
Durable Goods	413.66	406.93	404.33	43.0	42.3	41.3	9.62	9.62	9.79
Nondurable Goods	559.33	571.87	540.54	43.8	44.4	42.0	12.77	12.88	12.87
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	308.90	307.50	298.91	41.8	41.0	41.4	7.39	7.50	7.22
Durable Goods	335.76	335.64	329.28	40.6	40.1	43.1	8.27	8.37	7.64
Nondurable Goods	282.91	281.40	269.45	42.8	42.0	39.8	6.61	6.70	6.77

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Construction lost an additional 5,000 jobs over the month, pushing the employment level down by 48,900 from February 1986. The largest of the decreases in this sector occurred among general building contractors, which lost 1,900 jobs. At this point, construction has lost almost as many jobs as the oil and gas industry. Since there are about twice as many construction jobs as there are in mining and the current downturn in building shows no immediate sign of reversal, it is possible that construction will lose a considerably larger number of jobs in the coming months.

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For the third consecutive month, mining recorded a moderate loss in February, dropping 700 jobs. The good news was that none of the recent declines were large, indicating that some stability has been achieved within the oil and gas industry. The current estimate, however, was still 50,400 below the February 1986 level.

Manufacturing added jobs in February 1987 for the first time since August 1986. Although the increase was minor, the upturn was encouraging, as most sectors of both durable and nondurable goods recorded small gains over the month. Durable goods added 500 new jobs in February, with only two downturns recorded. The oil field machinery sector was primarily responsible for the decline in nonelectrical machinery, and miscellaneous manufacturing industries also reported a small decrease. The largest growth in durable goods was in transportation equipment, where aircraft and parts continued upward due to recently-awarded defense contracts. Stone, clay and glass products also showed an increase in February.

Nondurable goods also had minor ups and downs over the month, leaving the sector with 700 additional jobs. The largest gains were in food and kindred products, which increased due to seasonal hiring for Valentine's Day, and in printing and publishing. Chemicals and allied products and petroleum and coal products each declined moderately in February, holding growth back to some extent.

HOURS AND EARNINGS DROP

There were an estimated 604,100 Texas manufacturing production workers in February, up 600 from January. The average production worker in February worked a 41.1-hour week for $9.73 an hour, averaging $399.90 per week. Average hourly earnings declined by 2¢ over the month and average weekly hours dropped by 0.2 hour, pushing average weekly earnings down by $2.78. Much of the over-the-month decrease in both hours worked and hourly earnings was due to less overtime worked at premium pay in February.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1987	Feb. 1986
Total Population	16,860,600	16,550,800*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.8	1.9
UI Covered Employers	313,463	314,029
Total Claims Actions	822,415	621,098
Total Initial Claims Actions	81,566	77,478
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	740,849	543,620
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$156.63	$150.57
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$101,826,124	$68,870,675
Total Placements	21,588	20,251

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Labor Market Review

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UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES IN MARCH

Unemployment in Texas dropped substantially between February and March, and the actual unemployment rate fell a full percentage point to 8.2 percent in mid-March. The number of jobless Texans decreased by 90,200 over the month, to 668,400 -- its lowest point since April 1986, when the rate was also 8.2 percent. Total employment edged downward by 29,300 in March, to 7,438,400, but was still 90,700 above the year-ago level.

The State's unemployment rate also declined sharply in the seasonally adjusted series, from 8.7 percent in February to 7.9 percent in March. The Nation's unemployment rates were virtually unchanged over the month, as the seasonally adjusted rate slid from 6.7 percent to 6.6 percent and the actual rate dropped from 7.2 percent to 6.9 percent in March.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	118,353.0	117,967.0	116,310.0
Unemployment	8,124.0	8,503.0	8,667.0
Percent Unemployed	6.9	7.2	7.5
Total Employment	110,229.0	109,464.0	107,643.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	119,222.0	119,349.0	117,187.0
Unemployment	7,854.0	7,967.0	8,380.0
Percent Unemployed	6.6	6.7	7.2
Total Employment	111,368.0	111,382.0	108,807.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,106.8	8,226.3	8,024.8
Unemployment	668.4	758.6	677.1
Percent Unemployed	8.2	9.2	8.4
Total Employment	7,438.4	7,467.7	7,347.7
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,134.0	8,315.0	8,054.0
Unemployment	640.0	723.0	651.0
Percent Unemployed	7.9	8.7	8.1
Total Employment	7,494.0	7,592.0	7,403.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT SLUMPS

After a brief upturn in February, the Statewide count of nonfarm salaried jobs declined by 600 in March, to 6,475,500 -- 184,700 below the March 1986 level. The extent of the State's economic slump can be measured by the fact that only two major industry sectors have not lost employment over the past year; and only government (the most stable sector) has shown more than minimal growth. The over-the-month decreases were concentrated primarily in two nonmanufacturing sectors -- construction and trade, which together lost 6,000 jobs in March.

An estimated 3,700 jobs were deleted within construction in March, as more ongoing projects were completed and workers were released. This sector has declined by 94,000, or 20 percent, from its peak level in August 1984; and over two-thirds of that decrease has occurred in the past 12 months. Construction has now lost a larger number of jobs than any other industry sector between 1986 and 1987.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Mar.'87*	Feb.'87**	Mar.'86**	Mar.'87*	Feb.'87**	Mar.'86**	Mar.'87*	Feb.'87**	Mar.'86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	50,100	50,300	52,500	76,900	77,300	79,300	362,900	362,700	365,700
Manufacturing	4,700	4,800	5,300	9,800	9,700	9,700	39,600	39,400	40,800
Mining	2,200	2,200	3,200	1,300	1,300	1,600	1,000	1,000	1,100
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,700	3,900	4,000	4,200	21,100	21,300	25,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,600	2,600	5,500	5,800	6,100	11,400	11,400	11,100
Trade	14,200	14,200	14,300	22,600	22,600	23,100	80,100	80,100	81,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,600	4,400	4,400	4,400	25,500	25,500	25,100
Services & Misc.	13,300	13,300	13,400	16,100	16,100	16,000	83,800	83,700	83,000
Government	8,300	8,300	8,400	13,300	13,400	14,200	100,400	100,300	98,400
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	126,800	127,100	131,400	56,400	56,200	59,200	65,700	65,700	66,200
Manufacturing	23,900	24,000	25,600	15,200	15,200	16,200	9,500	9,600	9,600
Mining	1,600	1,700	2,200	1,300	1,300	2,000	100	100	100
Construction	7,600	7,600	8,000	5,600	5,500	6,100	2,700	2,700	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,500	9,700	10,200	2,200	2,200	2,500	3,000	3,000	3,100
Trade	31,200	31,200	32,200	11,000	10,800	11,500	17,700	17,800	18,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,400	5,500	2,000	1,900	2,200	3,400	3,300	3,500
Services & Misc.	27,400	27,400	27,600	7,700	7,700	7,900	13,700	13,600	13,300
Government	20,100	20,100	20,100	11,400	11,600	10,800	15,600	15,600	15,500
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	48,100	47,800	49,900	128,900	128,200	132,000	1,313.3	1,312.9	1,344.6
Manufacturing	2,800	2,800	3,400	11,900	11,800	12,400	222.4	222.2	229.9
Mining	700	800	1,000	6,000	6,000	7,000	19.1	19.0	23.0
Construction	2,100	2,000	2,500	7,600	7,700	9,100	67.0	67.8	87.3
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,600	7,200	7,200	7,400	86.0	86.0	86.3
Trade	10,900	10,900	11,000	34,000	33,800	34,000	352.8	352.8	356.3
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,900	6,900	6,800	6,800	130.9	131.2	132.5
Services & Misc.	7,700	7,700	8,100	28,000	27,600	27,700	285.3	284.1	287.0
Government	20,600	20,300	20,400	27,300	27,300	27,600	149.8	149.8	142.3
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	183,600	183,300	182,400	513,200	510,100	510,600	69,200	68,700	72,500
Manufacturing	34,400	34,100	35,800	113,200	111,900	113,800	9,000	9,000	9,700
Mining	100	200	200	3,400	3,400	4,100	400	400	600
Construction	9,700	9,700	9,900	30,300	29,400	32,800	3,800	4,000	6,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,700	9,800	9,900	27,300	27,100	26,000	4,600	4,600	5,000
Trade	45,100	44,800	44,300	134,600	134,900	135,500	13,300	13,100	13,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,800	9,800	9,500	28,400	28,400	28,100	4,400	4,400	4,500
Services & Misc.	35,100	35,000	33,900	111,900	111,100	106,700	12,900	12,500	12,500
Government	39,700	39,900	38,900	64,100	63,900	63,600	20,800	20,700	20,700

Job losses in wholesale and retail trade were not as widespread in March as in the past two months, but 2,300 positions were deleted over the month. The wholesale portion dropped by 700; and within retail trade, the major decline was in food stores, where cost-cutting measures implemented by management deleted 2,600 jobs. The other retail trade segment also declined by 1,100 in March. A seasonal upturn in eating and drinking places and minor gains in several other retail sectors were not large enough to nullify the larger job losses.

Two other nonmanufacturing sectors recorded small employment decreases in March -- transportation and public utilities dropped by 800 and mining lost 300 additional jobs. Within transportation and public utilities, the only increase was in transportation by air, which rose by 800. Moderate declines occurred in transportation, except railroads, and in electric, gas and sanitary services. Mining continued its relatively stable employment pattern of the past few months, with only 300 jobs lost in March.

Seasonal factors helped push employment up in services over the month, as the majority of the sectors added positions. The largest growth was in health services, where clinics and hospitals hired 1,400 workers. Hotels and other lodging places benefitted from warm weather which stimulated increased tourism, adding 1,100 jobs. The only downturn in services in March was in the education sector, where some employees were temporarily laid off during spring break.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Mar.'87*	Feb.'87**	Mar.'86**	Mar.'87*	Feb.'87**	Mar.'86**	Mar.'87*	Feb.'87**	Mar.'86**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,370.2	1,369.2	1,447.5	67,600	67,800	67,900	34,900	34,700	35,000
Manufacturing	147.5	147.5	162.4	8,500	8,600	8,900	1,900	1,800	1,900
Mining	62.5	62.7	79.6	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	1,900
Construction	83.5	83.7	99.7	3,700	3,700	3,800	1,300	1,400	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	91.4	92.1	97.1	2,800	2,700	2,800	3,900	3,900	3,800
Trade	347.8	349.2	366.0	15,900	15,900	16,000	10,000	9,800	10,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	101.2	100.6	106.2	3,000	3,000	3,200	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	344.9	342.8	345.0	13,900	14,100	13,400	5,900	5,900	5,700
Government	191.4	190.6	191.5	19,700	19,700	19,700	8,400	8,400	8,300
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	64,500	64,600	67,200	90,600	90,500	91,300	88,200	88,300	87,700
Manufacturing	14,900	14,800	15,800	7,300	7,200	7,400	12,300	12,600	11,800
Mining	3,600	3,500	4,600	300	300	400	1,000	1,100	1,200
Construction	3,000	3,000	3,500	3,200	3,100	4,500	4,600	4,600	4,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,400	4,500	4,500	4,700	2,800	2,900	2,900
Trade	17,000	17,100	17,200	27,400	27,600	27,200	26,100	25,900	25,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,400	3,200	5,300	5,300	5,500	3,700	3,700	4,100
Services & Misc.	11,200	11,300	11,200	20,700	20,800	19,900	13,800	13,600	14,000
Government	8,400	8,400	8,300	21,900	21,700	21,700	23,900	23,900	23,200
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	44,000	44,200	48,000	43,500	43,500	49,100	36,800	37,000	37,700
Manufacturing	2,900	3,100	3,600	3,500	3,500	4,500	5,800	5,800	5,600
Mining	8,800	8,800	10,700	6,200	6,300	7,800	600	600	800
Construction	1,500	1,500	1,800	2,400	2,300	2,900	2,000	2,000	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,300	2,400	2,000	2,000	2,200	3,200	3,200	3,400
Trade	10,600	10,600	10,900	13,000	13,000	14,500	9,300	9,400	9,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	2,900	3,100	1,600	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,700	9,200	7,100	7,100	7,800	7,500	7,500	7,700
Government	6,300	6,300	6,300	7,700	7,600	7,700	6,600	6,700	6,700
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	492,600	493,300	493,700	37,700	38,000	38,000	44,600	44,500	44,700
Manufacturing	45,300	45,900	48,900	11,100	11,000	11,800	7,100	7,100	7,000
Mining	2,600	2,600	3,000	100	100	200	--	--	--
Construction	31,200	31,700	37,300	1,800	1,800	1,700	1,400	1,400	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,100	18,200	19,100	2,100	2,100	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900
Trade	129,700	129,400	127,000	8,600	8,800	8,300	10,700	10,700	10,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	39,100	38,900	38,000	1,300	1,400	1,300	1,800	1,800	1,900
Services & Misc.	116,600	116,700	112,800	7,600	7,600	7,600	9,100	9,000	9,000
Government	110,000	109,900	107,600	5,100	5,200	5,200	12,600	12,600	12,300
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
TOTAL	59,800	60,000	62,200	27,700	27,800	28,900	77,900	78,200	78,800
Manufacturing	10,900	11,000	11,700	2,900	3,000	2,900	14,500	14,800	16,200
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,400	1,700	1,800	2,400	100	100	200
Construction	2,600	2,600	3,100	1,900	1,900	2,200	3,800	3,800	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	3,000	1,400	1,500	1,600	3,300	3,400	3,400
Trade	16,000	16,100	16,300	7,800	7,700	8,000	19,300	19,200	18,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,700	3,800	1,500	1,500	1,600	4,900	4,800	4,700
Services & Misc.	13,300	13,200	13,100	6,000	6,000	5,800	19,600	19,700	19,200
Government	8,800	8,800	8,800	4,500	4,400	4,400	12,400	12,400	12,300
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	50,200	50,100	50,900						
Manufacturing	8,000	8,100	8,200						
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,500						
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,200						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,700						
Trade	12,400	12,300	12,300						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,400	2,400						
Services & Misc.	11,200	11,200	11,000						
Government	9,600	9,500	9,600						

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Mar. 1987*	Feb. 1987**	Mar. 1986**	Change From Feb. 1987	Change From Mar. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,475,500	6,476,100	6,660,200	-600	-184,700
Manufacturing	943,800	942,500	972,700	1,300	-28,900
Durable Goods	545,200	542,900	566,300	2,300	-21,100
Lumber & Wood Products	36,600	36,500	37,900	100	-1,300
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,200	7,300	7,000	-100	200
Furniture & Fixtures	16,800	16,800	17,600	0	-800
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	44,000	44,200	49,000	-200	-5,000
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	19,500	19,600	22,500	-100	-3,000
Primary Metal Industries	27,800	27,700	31,000	100	-3,200
Fabricated Metal Industries	74,200	74,400	79,100	-200	-4,900
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	37,300	37,400	39,900	-100	-2,600
Machinery, Except Electrical	102,100	102,600	115,300	-500	-13,200
Oil Field Machinery	23,400	23,400	33,900	0	-10,500
Electric & Electronic Equipment	119,400	119,100	116,500	300	2,900
Transportation Equipment	89,400	86,800	83,400	2,600	6,000
Aircraft & Parts	51,400	51,000	43,700	400	7,700
Instruments & Related Products	22,000	22,000	23,200	0	-1,200
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,900	12,800	13,300	100	-400
Nondurable Goods	398,600	399,600	406,400	-1,000	-7,800
Food & Kindred Products	96,800	97,400	95,400	-600	1,400
Meat Products	27,100	27,100	26,300	0	800
Dairy Products	5,000	4,900	5,000	100	0
Bakery Products	11,000	11,100	10,800	-100	200
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,000	0	100
Textile Mill Products	4,100	4,100	4,600	0	-500
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	49,800	49,900	54,400	-100	-4,600
Paper & Allied Products	23,400	23,100	23,000	300	400
Printing & Publishing	77,100	77,000	77,300	100	-200
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	39,000	39,000	39,000	0	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	73,300	73,600	76,300	-300	-3,000
Petroleum & Coal Products	33,100	33,300	34,800	-200	-1,700
Petroleum Refining	29,800	30,000	31,500	-200	-1,700
Leather & Leather Products	7,000	7,100	7,400	-100	-400
Other Nondurable Goods	34,000	34,100	33,200	-100	800
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,531,700	5,533,600	5,687,500	-1,900	-155,800
Mining	189,700	190,000	232,100	-300	-42,400
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,400	10,400	10,800	0	-400
Oil & Gas Extraction	179,300	179,600	221,300	-300	-42,000
Construction	370,100	373,800	431,400	-3,700	-61,300
Transportation & Public Utilities	375,100	375,900	374,400	-800	700
Railroad Transportation	20,500	20,500	22,400	0	-1,900
Transportation, Except Railroads	192,400	192,900	186,000	-500	6,400
Transportation by Air	53,900	53,100	46,500	800	7,400
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	85,800	85,800	88,100	0	-2,300
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,400	76,700	77,900	-300	-1,500
Electric Services	42,500	42,600	42,900	-100	-400
Gas Production & Distribution	26,800	26,900	28,000	-100	-1,200
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,645,300	1,647,600	1,680,600	-2,300	-35,300
Wholesale Trade	412,800	413,500	438,900	-700	-26,100
Retail Trade	1,232,500	1,234,100	1,241,700	-1,600	-9,200
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	44,200	43,700	52,100	500	-7,900
General Merchandise Stores	161,800	161,500	157,700	300	4,100
Food Stores	231,600	234,200	225,500	-2,600	6,100
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	131,800	132,000	137,500	-200	-5,700
Apparel & Accessory Stores	80,400	80,100	83,300	300	-2,900
Eating & Drinking Places	396,800	395,600	393,700	1,200	3,100
Other Retail Trade	185,900	187,000	191,900	-1,100	-6,000
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	440,900	440,700	448,400	200	-7,500
Banking	98,000	98,300	105,900	-300	-7,900
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	136,400	136,400	135,300	0	1,100
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	206,500	206,000	207,200	500	-700
Services	1,359,800	1,356,300	1,378,500	3,500	-18,700
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	86,400	85,300	86,000	1,100	400
Personal Services	81,700	81,700	82,500	0	-800
Business & Repair Services	356,800	356,200	379,800	600	-23,000
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	48,400	48,000	51,000	400	-2,600
Health Services	380,400	379,000	366,500	1,400	13,900
Educational Services	72,400	73,100	72,100	-700	300
Other Services & Miscellaneous	333,700	333,000	340,600	700	-6,900
Total Government	1,150,800	1,149,300	1,142,100	1,500	8,700
Total Federal Government	192,200	191,900	193,500	300	-1,300
Total State Government	251,000	250,700	235,700	300	15,300
Total Local Government	707,600	706,700	712,900	900	-5,300

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Mar.'87*	Feb.'87**	Mar.'86**	Mar.'87*	Feb.'87**	Mar.'86**	Mar.'87*	Feb.'87**	Mar.'86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,900	55,800	55,600	97,600	99,100	97,600	431,700	436,200	417,300
Total Unemployment	4,600	5,200	4,600	5,900	6,800	6,500	25,900	28,300	23,000
Percent Unemployed	8.4	9.3	8.3	6.0	6.9	6.7	6.0	6.5	5.5
Total Employment 2/	50,300	50,600	51,000	91,700	92,300	91,100	405,800	407,900	394,300
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	157,700	161,000	161,900	79,300	80,600	80,000	93,200	95,600	95,500
Total Unemployment	19,300	21,800	23,600	7,400	8,600	8,200	12,800	15,000	16,500
Percent Unemployed	12.2	13.5	14.6	9.3	10.7	10.3	13.7	15.7	17.3
Total Employment 2/	138,400	139,200	138,300	71,900	72,000	71,800	80,400	80,600	79,000
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,100	57,400	57,300	165,400	167,500	162,500	1,404.9	1,420.5	1,379.3
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,500	3,500	18,700	21,400	17,700	80.9	89.3	73.8
Percent Unemployed	5.6	6.1	6.1	11.3	12.8	10.9	5.8	6.3	5.4
Total Employment 2/	53,900	53,900	53,800	146,700	146,100	144,800	1,324.0	1,331.2	1,305.5
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	224,300	228,200	217,200	660,900	668,500	631,300	104,300	105,900	106,600
Total Unemployment	22,800	26,100	24,600	41,700	49,000	37,200	10,700	12,000	11,600
Percent Unemployed	10.2	11.4	11.3	6.3	7.3	5.9	10.3	11.3	10.9
Total Employment 2/	201,500	202,100	192,600	619,200	619,500	594,100	93,600	93,900	95,000
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,570.7	1,596.0	1,606.0	89,000	90,400	86,200	45,000	46,300	43,900
Total Unemployment	141.8	161.2	148.6	6,500	7,300	6,500	7,300	8,600	7,700
Percent Unemployed	9.0	10.1	9.3	7.3	8.1	7.5	16.2	18.6	17.5
Total Employment 2/	1,428.9	1,434.8	1,457.4	82,500	83,100	79,700	37,700	37,700	36,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,200	80,300	79,800	110,100	111,500	107,600	143,200	148,900	144,600
Total Unemployment	8,100	9,400	9,200	6,600	7,300	7,500	25,800	30,500	31,600
Percent Unemployed	10.4	11.7	11.5	6.0	6.5	7.0	18.0	20.5	21.9
Total Employment 2/	70,100	70,900	70,600	103,500	104,200	100,100	117,400	118,400	113,000
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,300	51,300	52,400	56,700	58,100	59,700	45,300	46,000	45,000
Total Unemployment	4,700	5,400	4,300	7,200	8,500	6,200	2,800	3,100	3,000
Percent Unemployed	9.3	10.5	8.2	12.7	14.6	10.4	6.2	6.7	6.7
Total Employment 2/	45,600	45,900	48,100	49,500	49,600	53,500	42,500	42,900	42,000
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	587,200	595,300	562,500	48,400	49,300	46,800	56,000	56,800	56,100
Total Unemployment	44,700	48,800	38,100	3,700	4,100	3,100	4,800	5,200	5,500
Percent Unemployed	7.6	8.2	6.8	7.6	8.3	6.6	8.6	9.2	9.8
Total Employment 2/	542,500	546,500	524,400	44,700	45,200	43,700	51,200	51,600	50,600
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	75,100	77,500	74,900	37,500	38,100	37,400	91,500	92,800	88,700
Total Unemployment	6,400	8,100	6,100	3,400	3,900	3,400	6,900	7,300	6,300
Percent Unemployed	8.5	10.5	8.1	9.1	10.2	9.1	7.5	7.9	7.1
Total Employment 2/	68,700	69,400	68,800	34,100	34,200	34,000	84,600	85,500	82,400
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,800	57,700	56,000				8,106.8	8,226.3	8,024.8
Total Unemployment	4,400	5,100	4,600				668.4	758.6	677.1
Percent Unemployed	7.7	8.8	8.2				8.2	9.2	8.4
Total Employment 2/	52,400	52,600	51,400				7,438.4	7,467.7	7,347.7

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar.± 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986	Mar.± 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986	Mar.± 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 405.41	$ 401.14	$ 398.82	41.2	41.1	41.5	$ 9.84	$ 9.76	$ 9.61
Durable Goods	399.23	395.91	390.21	41.5	41.5	41.6	9.62	9.54	9.38
Lumber & Wood Products	283.03	282.98	283.32	40.9	40.6	41.3	6.92	6.97	6.86
Furniture & Fixtures	249.87	255.52	231.84	38.8	39.8	38.9	6.44	6.42	5.96
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	390.49	386.86	383.62	43.1	42.7	44.4	9.06	9.06	8.64
Primary Metal Industries	424.54	424.77	416.71	40.9	41.2	39.8	10.38	10.31	10.47
Fabricated Metal Products	365.16	367.02	361.01	40.8	41.1	40.7	8.95	8.93	8.87
Machinery, exc. Electric	411.67	412.27	412.51	40.8	40.9	41.5	10.09	10.08	9.94
Oil Field Machinery	476.01	481.60	476.54	39.9	40.0	40.8	11.93	12.04	11.68
Electric & Electronic Equip.	440.58	432.48	422.88	42.9	42.4	42.5	10.27	10.20	9.95
Transportation Equipment	531.05	522.87	514.53	43.0	43.5	41.9	12.35	12.02	12.28
Instruments & Related Prod.	361.67	345.93	348.94	40.5	39.9	41.1	8.93	8.67	8.49
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	251.84	255.83	250.13	37.7	37.9	38.6	6.68	6.75	6.48
Nondurable Goods	412.49	407.22	408.87	40.8	40.6	41.3	10.11	10.03	9.90
Food & Kindred Products	338.96	332.80	338.62	40.4	40.0	41.6	8.39	8.32	8.14
Meat Products	258.25	243.26	263.34	37.7	36.2	39.6	6.85	6.72	6.65
Malt Beverages	805.46	768.96	799.66	46.0	44.5	46.6	17.51	17.28	17.16
Textile Mill Products	323.81	319.41	300.84	45.8	45.5	43.1	7.07	7.02	6.98
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	185.50	190.41	188.34	35.0	36.2	36.5	5.30	5.26	5.16
Paper & Allied Products	452.40	456.68	457.98	42.8	42.8	43.7	10.57	10.67	10.48
Printing & Publishing	378.88	381.02	395.04	39.1	39.2	40.6	9.69	9.72	9.73
Chemicals & Allied Products	652.96	641.13	623.34	43.3	42.6	42.9	15.08	15.05	14.53
Petroleum & Coal Products	665.76	649.47	681.58	43.4	42.7	44.9	15.34	15.21	15.18
Petroleum Refining	691.65	674.96	709.87	43.5	42.8	45.1	15.90	15.77	15.74
Leather & Leather Products	216.66	207.90	213.07	39.9	38.5	38.6	5.43	5.40	5.52
Other Nondurable Goods	392.90	384.95	380.46	44.8	44.4	42.7	8.77	8.67	8.91
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	471.55	466.76	511.27	40.2	40.1	43.0	11.73	11.64	11.89
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	535.24	501.90	412.15	43.8	42.0	37.4	12.22	11.95	11.02
Oil & Gas Extraction	467.60	463.64	517.00	40.0	39.9	43.3	11.69	11.62	11.94
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	480.32	477.53	470.83	39.5	39.4	39.4	12.16	12.12	11.95
Elec., Gas & San. Services	425.09	424.21	465.23	38.4	38.6	39.9	11.07	10.99	11.66
Wholesale & Retail Trade	223.87	222.22	227.45	31.8	31.7	32.4	7.04	7.01	7.02
Wholesale Trade	383.38	380.25	383.60	39.2	39.0	40.0	9.78	9.75	9.59
Retail Trade	175.53	174.35	176.11	29.6	29.5	29.9	5.93	5.91	5.89
General Merchandise Stores	182.84	173.60	181.54	28.0	27.6	29.0	6.53	6.29	6.26
Banking	262.81	264.24	273.39	36.3	36.7	39.0	7.24	7.20	7.01

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 401.52	$ 395.62	$ 396.16	42.0	41.6	42.1	$ 9.56	$ 9.51	$ 9.41
Durable Goods	432.98	425.04	417.36	42.7	42.0	42.2	10.14	10.12	9.89
Nondurable Goods	348.84	347.65	361.64	40.8	40.9	42.1	8.55	8.50	8.59
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	411.52	421.03	399.19	41.4	42.4	41.8	9.94	9.93	9.55
Durable Goods	429.32	445.65	414.24	41.4	43.1	41.8	10.37	10.34	9.91
Nondurable Goods	363.85	359.79	357.34	41.3	40.7	41.6	8.81	8.84	8.59
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	482.03	480.82	468.44	43.0	43.2	41.9	11.21	11.13	11.18
Durable Goods	407.04	411.20	398.78	42.4	42.7	40.9	9.60	9.63	9.75
Nondurable Goods	569.40	561.52	557.28	43.8	43.8	43.2	13.00	12.82	12.90
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	311.67	308.84	304.30	41.5	41.4	41.8	7.51	7.46	7.28
Durable Goods	331.89	334.46	321.64	39.7	40.2	42.1	8.36	8.32	7.64
Nondurable Goods	291.36	283.48	287.18	43.1	42.5	41.5	6.76	6.67	6.92

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.
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All three sectors of government recorded minor gains in March, raising employment in this group by 1,500. The largest of the increases were in local government, where student and temporary workers were hired. The only other growth in nonmanufacturing was in finance, insurance and real estate, which rose 200 over the month. A developing "buyers market" helped push employment up by 500 in the real estate portion of other finance, insurance and real estate; but this increase was partially offset by a small decline in banking.

Manufacturing continued its slow but steady upturn in March, gaining 1,300 jobs. All of the growth was concentrated in durable goods, which rose by 2,300, fueled by a large increase in transportation equipment. This industry added 2,600 jobs as a major employer in motor vehicles and parts recalled one shift of laid-off workers in March. Other gains and losses in durable goods were very moderate. Nondurable goods dropped 1,000 jobs in March, as most sectors reported downturns. The largest decrease was in food and kindred products, which lost 600 jobs as activity in preserved fruits and vegetables declined. More moderate losses were recorded in chemicals and allied products and in petroleum and coal products. The only employment increase in nondurable goods was in paper and allied products, which gained 300 jobs in March.

HOURS AND EARNINGS RISE

The number of manufacturing production workers in Teas rose by 1,400 over the month, to 605,700 in mid-March. The average production worker in March was working a 41.2-hour week at $9.84 per hour and averaging $405.41 per week. The number of hours worked per week rose by 0.1 hour over the month, while average hourly earnings increased by 8¢, pushing average weekly earnings up by $4.27. Compared to a year earlier, average weekly hours were down 0.3 hour, but average hourly earnings had risen 23¢, boosting weekly earnings by $6.59.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
First Quarter 1987
(January-March 1987)

Abilene	$ 2,045,043
Amarillo	2,697,761
Austin	14,022,750
Beaumont-Port Arthur	9,242,112
Brazoria PMSA	3,741,906
Brownsville-Harlingen	4,528,746
Bryan-College Station	1,498,094
Corpus Christi	8,522,288
Dallas PMSA	43,133,941
El Paso	7,677,018
Fort Worth-Arlington PMSA	23,083,140
Galveston-Texas City PMSA	4,898,825
Houston PMSA	73,450,701
Killeen-Temple	2,151,889
Laredo	2,222,773
Longview-Marshall	3,584,110
Lubbock	2,382,517
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	6,024,550
Midland	2,422,913
Odessa	3,687,043
San Angelo	1,250,864
San Antonio	20,090,913
Sherman-Denison	1,839,706
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	1,096,366
Tyler	3,464,255
Victoria	1,673,469
Waco	3,196,876
Wichita Falls	2,400,313
State of Texas	308,410,958

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1986
Total Population	16,886,400	16,576,700*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.8	2.1
UI Covered Employers	312,260	313,025
Total Claims Actions	870,400	683,979
Total Initial Claims Actions	81,686	85,162
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	788,714	598,817
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$156.77	$153.60
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$109,652,093	$78,337,934
Total Placements	26,004	29,925

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

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TEXAS
Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION MAY 1987 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

UNEMPLOYMENT REMAINS HIGH IN APRIL

The Texas actual unemployment rate was almost unchanged from March to April, inching upward from 8.2 percent to 8.3 percent over the month. The number of jobless Texans increased by 11,900 to a total of 680,300 in April, while total employment rose moderately to a level of 7,527,600. The current unemployment rate of 8.3 percent was very close to the year-ago Statewide rate of 8.2 percent.

In the seasonally adjusted series, the Texas rate rose from 7.9 percent in March to 8.6 percent in April, very close to the February level and little different from the April 1986 rate of 8.5 percent. The U. S. rates in both series continued to be about two percentage points below the Texas rates. In the actual series, the National rate dropped from 6.9 percent in March to 6.2 percent in April, while the seasonally adjusted rate slid downward from 6.6 percent in March to 6.3 percent in April.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	118,347.0	118,353.0	116,316.0
Unemployment	7,306.0	8,124.0	8,115.0
Percent Unemployed	6.2	6.9	7.0
Total Employment	111,041.0	110,229.0	108,201.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	119,335.0	119,222.0	117,292.0
Unemployment	7,500.0	7,854.0	8,323.0
Percent Unemployed	6.3	6.6	7.1
Total Employment	111,835.0	111,368.0	108,969.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,207.9	8,106.8	8,031.9
Unemployment	680.3	668.4	656.2
Percent Unemployed	8.3	8.2	8.2
Total Employment	7,527.6	7,438.4	7,375.7
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,267.0	8,134.0	8,091.0
Unemployment	715.0	640.0	691.0
Percent Unemployed	8.6	7.9	8.5
Total Employment	7,552.0	7,494.0	7,400.0

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS COUNT RISES

The estimate of nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 10,300 between March and April, to a total of 6,487,200. The growth was spread through several industry sectors, as only three major industry groups recorded losses in April. In spite of the moderate month-to-month increase, however, the count of nonfarm salaried jobs had declined by 144,700 from April 1986, with decreases in all but two major sectors.

A large number of layoffs in banking and among insurance carriers, agents and brokers pushed employment in finance, insurance and real estate down by 1,000 over the month. This industry group has lost 9,400 jobs during the past year, for a 2.1 percent decline.

Although cutbacks continued in both mining and construction in April, the losses in both segments were minor. The deletions in construction slowed substantially in April, as only 500 jobs were lost; and in mining, an estimated 600 positions were

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Apr.'87*	Mar.'87**	Apr.'86**	Apr.'87*	Mar.'87**	Apr.'86**	Apr.'87*	Mar.'87**	Apr.'86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	50,100	50,000	51,900	77,200	77,100	78,900	362,300	362,200	364,500
Manufacturing	4,700	4,700	5,100	9,900	9,800	9,700	39,200	39,600	40,600
Mining	2,200	2,200	2,700	1,300	1,300	1,700	1,000	1,000	1,100
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,600	3,800	3,900	3,800	20,100	20,400	24,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,600	5,500	5,500	6,200	11,400	11,400	11,100
Trade	14,100	14,100	14,400	22,700	22,600	22,900	80,200	80,200	81,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,600	4,200	4,400	4,500	25,400	25,400	25,600
Services & Misc.	13,400	13,300	13,500	16,400	16,100	16,000	84,100	83,800	83,000
Government	8,300	8,300	8,400	13,400	13,500	14,100	100,900	100,400	97,700
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	127,500	126,700	130,500	57,100	56,500	58,500	65,300	65,600	66,000
Manufacturing	24,200	23,900	25,500	15,100	15,200	16,100	9,400	9,500	9,200
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,900	1,300	1,300	1,800	100	100	100
Construction	7,200	7,600	7,400	5,800	5,700	6,000	2,600	2,700	2,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,600	9,500	10,000	2,200	2,200	2,400	3,000	3,000	3,100
Trade	31,500	31,100	32,600	11,000	11,000	11,300	17,700	17,700	18,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,500	5,500	2,100	2,000	2,200	3,400	3,400	3,500
Services & Misc.	27,900	27,400	27,600	8,000	7,700	7,800	13,600	13,700	13,300
Government	20,100	20,100	20,000	11,600	11,400	10,900	15,500	15,500	15,800
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	47,900	48,200	49,700	129,100	128,900	131,200	1,313.1	1,313.1	1,343.4
Manufacturing	2,900	2,800	3,300	11,800	11,900	12,100	223.0	223.1	227.8
Mining	800	700	800	5,900	6,000	6,700	19.1	19.1	22.0
Construction	2,000	2,100	2,600	7,500	7,600	8,800	65.4	66.5	85.7
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,600	1,700	7,100	7,200	6,900	86.2	85.9	86.4
Trade	10,900	10,900	11,100	34,400	33,900	34,300	352.5	352.8	357.7
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,900	6,900	6,900	6,900	130.9	130.7	131.8
Services & Misc.	7,900	7,800	8,100	28,200	28,100	27,800	286.4	285.2	289.3
Government	20,200	20,600	20,200	27,300	27,300	27,700	149.6	149.8	142.7
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	185,400	184,000	183,100	514,600	512,700	511,800	69,600	68,900	72,600
Manufacturing	34,700	34,300	35,400	114,000	114,100	112,100	9,200	9,000	9,600
Mining	100	100	200	3,400	3,400	3,900	400	400	600
Construction	9,600	9,700	9,700	30,500	30,100	32,200	3,500	3,600	5,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,800	9,700	9,800	27,400	27,400	26,300	4,600	4,600	4,900
Trade	45,200	45,100	44,500	134,000	133,800	136,500	13,600	13,300	14,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	10,000	9,800	9,700	28,600	28,200	28,800	4,300	4,400	4,400
Services & Misc.	35,900	35,300	34,900	112,300	111,400	108,000	13,200	12,900	13,000
Government	40,100	40,000	38,900	64,400	64,300	64,000	20,800	20,700	20,900

deleted. Despite these modest over-the-month declines, however, mining and construction combined have been responsible for 60 percent of the total drop in nonagricultural wage and salary employment during the past 12 months. Construction has decreased by 59,700, or 14 percent, since April 1986; and mining is down 26,500, or 12 percent, over the year.

Trade has lost 27,700 jobs during the last year, a 1.6 percent decrease. In April, however, the retail portion of trade provided the largest of the increases among nonmanufacturing industries, with 7,400 additional jobs. Continued losses in the wholesale sector reduced the overall trade growth to 5,600 in April. A seasonal upturn in eating and drinking places added 3,300 jobs to the trade total, while general merchandise stores increased by 2,000 and food stores added another 1,300 jobs.

Transportation and public utilities is the only private sector which has exhibited over-the-year expansion, with 1,900 additional jobs since April 1986. This increase has been fueled by growth in air transportation, which has registered strong gains; but additions in that industry were partially nullified by losses in all other sectors of this group. Employment in transportation and public utilities accelerated by 2,300 in April, as firms in transportation by air and water transportation augmented their payrolls by 2,100 and electric, gas and sanitary services recorded a modest increase.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Apr.'87*	Mar.'87**	Apr.'86**
	HOUSTON 2/		
TOTAL	1,370.3	1,372.1	1,426.0
Manufacturing	147.0	147.7	158.3
Mining	62.9	63.1	75.6
Construction	84.1	83.6	95.8
Trans., Comm., & Util.	91.3	91.1	95.3
Trade	348.4	348.6	363.4
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	100.4	101.1	105.2
Services & Misc.	344.9	345.6	341.2
Government	191.3	191.3	191.2
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	64,800	64,600	66,700
Manufacturing	14,900	14,900	15,400
Mining	3,600	3,600	4,100
Construction	3,100	3,000	3,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	17,200	17,000	17,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,300	3,300
Services & Misc.	11,400	11,300	11,300
Government	6,300	8,400	8,500
	MIDLAND		
TOTAL	43,800	44,100	47,000
Manufacturing	2,900	2,900	3,600
Mining	8,600	8,800	10,000
Construction	1,500	1,500	1,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,200	2,300
Trade	10,500	10,600	10,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	2,900	3,000
Services & Misc.	8,700	8,800	9,100
Government	6,500	6,400	6,300
	SAN ANTONIO		
TOTAL	496,300	493,100	497,700
Manufacturing	45,800	45,400	48,600
Mining	2,600	2,600	2,900
Construction	31,600	31,600	36,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,100	18,200	18,900
Trade	130,500	129,400	128,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	39,300	39,100	38,400
Services & Misc.	118,400	116,700	115,400
Government	110,000	110,100	108,500
	TYLER		
TOTAL	60,000	59,700	61,900
Manufacturing	10,800	10,900	11,600
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,200
Construction	2,700	2,600	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,900
Trade	16,300	16,000	16,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,700
Services & Misc.	13,200	13,200	13,100
Government	8,800	8,800	8,900
	WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	50,200	50,300	51,100
Manufacturing	8,100	8,200	8,300
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,400
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	12,400	12,300	12,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,400	2,500
Services & Misc.	11,100	11,100	11,000
Government	9,500	9,600	9,600

Industry	Apr.'87*	Mar.'87**	Apr.'86**
	KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	68,100	67,700	68,200
Manufacturing	8,400	8,500	8,800
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	3,700	3,600	4,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800
Trade	16,100	15,900	16,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	3,000	3,200
Services & Misc.	14,100	14,000	13,400
Government	19,900	19,800	19,800
	LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	90,700	90,700	91,500
Manufacturing	7,400	7,300	7,500
Mining	300	300	300
Construction	3,000	3,200	4,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	4,500	4,500	4,800
Trade	27,700	27,500	27,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,300	5,600
Services & Misc.	20,800	20,800	20,200
Government	21,700	21,800	21,800
	ODESSA		
TOTAL	43,400	43,400	47,700
Manufacturing	3,600	3,500	4,200
Mining	6,100	6,200	7,300
Construction	2,300	2,400	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,000	2,200
Trade	13,000	12,900	14,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,600	1,700
Services & Misc.	7,000	7,100	7,600
Government	7,700	7,700	7,600
	SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	37,800	37,800	38,000
Manufacturing	11,000	11,100	11,600
Mining	100	100	200
Construction	1,800	1,800	1,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,000
Trade	8,600	8,600	8,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,400	1,500
Services & Misc.	7,600	7,600	7,500
Government	5,100	5,100	5,100
	VICTORIA		
TOTAL	28,200	27,800	28,300
Manufacturing	3,000	2,900	3,000
Mining	1,800	1,700	2,000
Construction	2,000	1,900	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,500
Trade	8,000	7,800	8,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,600
Services & Misc.	5,800	6,000	5,800
Government	4,600	4,500	4,400

Industry	Apr.'87*	Mar.'87**	Apr.'86**
	LAREDO		
TOTAL	35,100	35,300	34,900
Manufacturing	1,800	1,900	1,800
Mining	2,000	2,000	1,800
Construction	1,300	1,300	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	4,000	3,900	3,900
Trade	9,900	10,100	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	6,000	6,000	5,700
Government	8,500	8,500	8,300
	MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	88,800	88,800	87,800
Manufacturing	12,800	12,800	11,400
Mining	1,000	1,000	1,100
Construction	4,600	4,600	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,900
Trade	26,100	26,000	26,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,800	3,800	4,000
Services & Misc.	13,700	13,800	13,900
Government	23,900	23,900	23,200
	SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	36,500	36,800	37,700
Manufacturing	5,700	5,800	5,700
Mining	600	600	700
Construction	1,800	1,900	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,400
Trade	9,300	9,400	9,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	7,600	7,500	7,700
Government	6,500	6,600	6,700
	TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	44,700	44,400	44,900
Manufacturing	7,100	7,100	7,200
Mining	--	--	--
Construction	1,400	1,400	2,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,900	1,900	1,900
Trade	10,900	10,700	10,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,900
Services & Misc.	9,100	9,000	8,900
Government	12,500	12,500	12,200
	WACO		
TOTAL	78,100	77,900	78,500
Manufacturing	14,500	14,500	15,500
Mining	100	100	200
Construction	4,000	3,800	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,400
Trade	19,200	19,200	18,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,900	4,900	4,700
Services & Misc.	19,700	19,700	19,400
Government	12,400	12,400	12,300

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Apr. 1987*	Mar. 1987**	Apr. 1986**	Change From Mar. 1987	Change From Apr. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,487,200	6,476,900	6,631,900	10,300	-144,700
Manufacturing	946,100	944,600	966,100	1,500	-20,000
Durable Goods	547,100	545,700	562,000	1,400	-14,900
Lumber & Wood Products	37,000	36,800	38,100	200	-1,100
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,300	7,200	6,900	100	400
Furniture & Fixtures	16,700	16,800	17,500	-100	-800
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	44,000	43,900	48,800	100	-4,800
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	19,600	19,500	22,300	100	-2,700
Primary Metal Industries	27,900	27,700	29,600	200	-1,700
Fabricated Metal Industries	74,300	74,100	78,700	200	-4,400
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	37,100	37,300	39,500	-200	-2,400
Machinery, Except Electrical	101,500	102,100	112,700	-600	-11,200
Oil Field Machinery	23,200	23,300	31,900	-100	-8,700
Electric & Electronic Equipment	120,000	119,700	117,300	300	2,700
Transportation Equipment	90,500	89,600	83,100	900	7,400
Aircraft & Parts	51,700	51,400	44,100	300	7,600
Instruments & Related Products	22,300	22,100	22,900	200	-600
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,900	12,900	13,300	0	-400
Nondurable Goods	399,000	398,900	404,100	100	-5,100
Food & Kindred Products	96,700	97,400	94,400	-700	2,300
Meat Products	27,400	27,500	26,200	-100	1,200
Dairy Products	5,000	5,000	4,900	0	100
Bakery Products	10,700	11,000	10,700	-300	0
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
Textile Mill Products	4,200	4,100	4,500	100	-300
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	49,600	49,200	54,300	400	-4,700
Paper & Allied Products	23,500	23,400	23,100	100	400
Printing & Publishing	77,400	77,300	77,200	100	200
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	39,400	39,100	39,200	300	200
Chemicals & Allied Products	73,200	73,300	75,800	-100	-2,600
Petroleum & Coal Products	33,000	33,100	34,800	-100	-1,800
Petroleum Refining	29,700	29,800	31,400	-100	-1,700
Leather & Leather Products	7,100	7,000	7,100	100	0
Other Nondurable Goods	34,300	34,100	32,900	200	1,400
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,541,100	5,532,300	5,665,800	8,800	-124,700
Mining	188,700	189,300	215,200	-600	-26,500
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,400	10,400	10,600	0	-200
Oil & Gas Extraction	178,300	178,900	204,600	-600	-26,300
Construction	367,600	368,100	427,300	-500	-59,700
Transportation & Public Utilities	376,000	373,700	374,100	2,300	1,900
Railroad Transportation	20,600	20,500	22,300	100	-1,700
Transportation, Except Railroads	193,400	191,300	186,700	2,100	6,700
Transportation by Air	54,200	53,100	46,700	1,100	7,500
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	85,400	85,500	87,600	-100	-2,200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,600	76,400	77,500	200	-900
Electric Services	42,600	42,500	43,000	100	-400
Gas Production & Distribution	26,800	26,800	27,400	0	-600
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,652,300	1,646,700	1,680,000	5,600	-27,700
Wholesale Trade	411,300	413,100	434,900	-1,800	-23,600
Retail Trade	1,241,000	1,233,600	1,245,100	7,400	-4,100
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	45,200	44,400	52,200	800	-7,000
General Merchandise Stores	163,100	161,100	157,700	2,000	5,400
Food Stores	233,500	232,200	227,100	1,300	6,400
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	132,000	131,900	136,500	100	-4,500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	80,800	81,100	82,700	-300	-1,900
Eating & Drinking Places	401,400	398,100	400,300	3,300	1,100
Other Retail Trade	185,000	184,800	188,600	200	-3,600
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	439,500	440,500	448,900	-1,000	-9,400
Banking	97,500	98,000	105,500	-500	-8,000
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	135,900	136,500	135,600	-600	300
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	206,100	206,000	207,800	100	-1,700
Services	1,365,100	1,362,800	1,377,300	2,300	-12,200
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	86,100	86,300	86,400	-200	-300
Personal Services	81,400	81,600	82,500	-200	-1,100
Business & Repair Services	357,900	357,100	375,600	800	-17,700
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	49,200	49,200	53,100	0	-3,900
Health Services	382,600	381,200	366,300	1,400	16,300
Educational Services	72,700	72,700	72,800	0	-100
Other Services & Miscellaneous	335,200	334,700	340,600	500	-5,400
Total Government	1,151,900	1,151,200	1,143,000	700	8,900
Total Federal Government	192,300	192,200	192,700	100	-400
Total State Government	250,700	251,300	236,800	-600	13,900
Total Local Government	708,900	707,700	713,500	1,200	-4,600

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Apr.'87*	Mar.'87**	Apr.'86**	Apr.'87*	Mar.'87**	Apr.'86**	Apr.'87*	Mar.'87**	Apr.'86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,500	55,000	55,100	99,100	97,700	97,300	435,500	430,700	415,400
Total Unemployment	4,600	4,600	4,400	6,000	5,900	6,100	26,200	25,800	19,800
Percent Unemployed	8.3	8.4	8.0	6.1	6.0	6.3	6.0	6.0	4.8
Total Employment 2/	50,900	50,400	50,700	93,100	91,800	91,200	409,300	404,900	395,600
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	160,900	157,500	161,500	80,700	79,500	79,600	94,500	93,300	93,000
Total Unemployment	20,700	19,200	22,800	7,500	7,400	7,900	13,200	12,900	14,100
Percent Unemployed	12.9	12.2	14.1	9.3	9.3	9.9	14.0	13.8	15.2
Total Employment 2/	140,200	138,300	138,700	73,200	72,100	71,700	81,300	80,400	78,900
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,700	57,000	57,400	168,000	165,000	163,400	1,422.9	1,403.5	1,384.6
Total Unemployment	3,300	3,200	3,200	19,300	18,600	17,900	88.2	80.8	71.9
Percent Unemployed	5.7	5.6	5.6	11.5	11.3	11.0	6.2	5.8	5.2
Total Employment 2/	54,400	53,800	54,200	148,700	146,400	145,500	1,334.7	1,322.7	1,312.7
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	228,400	224,800	217,600	672,800	659,300	643,200	106,500	103,700	106,800
Total Unemployment	23,400	22,800	23,400	46,300	41,700	43,800	10,700	10,700	11,200
Percent Unemployed	10.2	10.1	10.8	6.9	6.3	6.8	10.0	10.3	10.5
Total Employment 2/	205,000	202,000	194,200	626,500	617,600	599,400	95,800	93,000	95,600
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,583.5	1,571.5	1,588.5	90,100	89,100	86,400	45,200	45,300	43,300
Total Unemployment	143.3	141.7	145.7	6,600	6,500	6,000	7,000	7,500	6,800
Percent Unemployed	9.0	9.0	9.2	7.3	7.3	6.9	15.5	16.6	15.7
Total Employment 2/	1,440.2	1,429.8	1,442.8	83,500	82,600	80,400	38,200	37,800	36,500
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,100	78,200	80,000	111,200	109,800	108,500	143,700	144,300	139,400
Total Unemployment	8,300	8,100	9,500	6,700	6,500	7,100	23,500	26,200	24,300
Percent Unemployed	10.5	10.4	11.9	6.0	5.9	6.5	16.4	18.2	17.4
Total Employment 2/	70,800	70,100	70,500	104,500	103,300	101,400	120,200	118,100	115,100
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,600	50,400	52,000	56,500	56,500	59,200	45,700	45,200	45,100
Total Unemployment	4,800	4,700	4,600	7,000	7,100	6,900	2,800	2,800	2,900
Percent Unemployed	9.5	9.3	8.8	12.4	12.6	11.7	6.1	6.2	6.4
Total Employment 2/	45,800	45,700	47,400	49,500	49,400	52,300	42,900	42,400	42,200
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	596,300	587,000	567,200	49,100	48,500	46,900	56,500	55,900	56,100
Total Unemployment	44,700	44,600	35,500	3,600	3,700	2,900	4,800	4,800	5,200
Percent Unemployed	7.5	7.6	6.3	7.3	7.6	6.2	8.5	8.6	9.3
Total Employment 2/	551,600	542,400	531,700	45,500	44,800	44,000	51,700	51,100	50,900
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	75,800	75,200	74,400	38,000	37,400	37,100	92,600	91,300	89,200
Total Unemployment	6,500	6,400	5,700	3,300	3,400	3,600	7,100	6,900	6,400
Percent Unemployed	8.6	8.5	7.7	8.7	9.1	9.7	7.7	7.6	7.2
Total Employment 2/	69,300	68,800	68,700	34,700	34,000	33,500	85,500	84,400	82,800
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,200	56,800	56,000				8,207.9	8,106.8	8,031.9
Total Unemployment	4,400	4,400	4,400				680.3	668.4	656.2
Percent Unemployed	7.7	7.7	7.9				8.3	8.2	8.2
Total Employment 2/	52,800	52,400	51,600				7,527.6	7,438.4	7,375.7

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr.± 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986	Apr.± 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986	Apr.± 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 406.48	$ 405.41	$ 396.07	41.1	41.2	41.3	$ 9.89	$ 9.84	$ 9.59
Durable Goods	398.96	398.27	388.86	41.3	41.4	41.5	9.66	9.62	9.37
Lumber & Wood Products	274.19	278.64	286.21	40.5	40.5	41.6	6.77	6.88	6.88
Furniture & Fixtures	254.13	251.81	212.95	39.4	38.8	38.3	6.45	6.49	5.56
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	401.72	390.87	387.63	44.0	43.0	44.2	9.13	9.09	8.77
Primary Metal Industries	414.00	423.94	420.25	40.0	41.0	40.1	10.35	10.34	10.48
Fabricated Metal Products	364.10	368.51	352.00	40.5	40.9	40.0	8.99	9.01	8.80
Machinery, exc. Electric	414.32	413.28	416.22	40.9	41.0	42.0	10.13	10.08	9.91
Oil Field Machinery	507.78	496.51	498.19	42.0	41.0	41.9	12.09	12.11	11.89
Electric & Electronic Equip.	433.02	435.02	421.60	42.0	42.4	42.5	10.31	10.26	9.92
Transportation Equipment	535.43	530.19	516.23	42.8	43.0	41.8	12.51	12.33	12.35
Instruments & Related Prod.	340.10	359.88	340.35	38.3	40.3	39.9	8.88	8.93	8.53
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	265.34	250.58	248.20	38.4	37.4	38.6	6.91	6.70	6.43
Nondurable Goods	416.97	412.49	404.67	41.0	40.8	41.0	10.17	10.11	9.87
Food & Kindred Products	343.17	344.81	346.93	41.0	41.0	41.9	8.37	8.41	8.28
Meat Products	263.25	270.18	286.06	38.6	39.1	41.7	6.82	6.91	6.86
Malt Beverages	786.79	805.71	800.16	46.2	46.6	47.6	17.03	17.29	16.81
Textile Mill Products	313.28	324.97	301.71	44.5	45.9	43.6	7.04	7.08	6.92
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	188.32	186.56	190.17	35.2	35.2	36.5	5.35	5.30	5.21
Paper & Allied Products	463.76	451.56	448.49	43.1	42.6	43.0	10.76	10.60	10.43
Printing & Publishing	383.96	380.44	379.37	39.3	39.1	39.6	9.77	9.73	9.58
Chemicals & Allied Products	667.92	650.38	628.40	44.0	43.1	43.1	15.18	15.09	14.58
Petroleum & Coal Products	656.84	655.12	642.86	43.1	43.1	42.8	15.24	15.20	15.02
Petroleum Refining	682.41	681.11	669.08	43.3	43.3	43.0	15.76	15.73	15.56
Leather & Leather Products	212.98	218.44	206.45	37.3	38.8	37.4	5.71	5.63	5.52
Other Nondurable Goods	388.51	392.49	376.23	44.3	44.5	42.9	8.77	8.82	8.77
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	472.35	475.94	511.09	40.2	40.3	42.1	11.75	11.81	12.14
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	534.45	539.57	428.07	43.7	44.3	38.6	12.23	12.18	11.09
Oil & Gas Extraction	467.23	472.38	517.28	39.9	40.1	42.4	11.71	11.78	12.20
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	479.50	477.85	473.21	39.4	39.2	39.5	12.17	12.19	11.98
Elec., Gas & San. Services	432.83	423.26	466.75	39.6	38.2	40.8	10.93	11.08	11.44
Wholesale & Retail Trade	225.72	222.92	226.37	32.2	31.8	32.2	7.01	7.01	7.03
Wholesale Trade	383.38	381.23	379.37	39.2	39.1	39.6	9.78	9.75	9.58
Retail Trade	178.49	174.94	176.71	30.1	29.6	29.8	5.93	5.91	5.93
General Merchandise Stores	184.90	180.20	182.88	28.8	28.2	28.8	6.42	6.39	6.35
Banking	262.02	263.54	264.22	36.8	36.3	37.8	7.12	7.26	6.99

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 401.44	$ 402.36	$ 393.54	41.6	42.0	42.0	$ 9.65	$ 9.58	$ 9.37
Durable Goods	427.98	430.78	415.53	42.0	42.4	42.1	10.19	10.16	9.87
Nondurable Goods	357.06	356.04	356.12	40.9	41.4	41.7	8.73	8.60	8.54
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	399.27	405.90	395.50	40.7	41.0	41.5	9.81	9.90	9.53
Durable Goods	418.82	424.15	411.84	40.9	41.1	41.6	10.24	10.32	9.90
Nondurable Goods	349.80	357.69	352.26	40.3	40.6	41.2	8.68	8.81	8.55
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	484.01	483.41	466.62	43.1	43.2	42.0	11.23	11.19	11.11
Durable Goods	413.45	413.88	404.21	42.8	42.8	41.5	9.66	9.67	9.74
Nondurable Goods	562.03	561.57	545.28	43.3	43.6	42.7	12.98	12.88	12.77
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	313.18	308.25	296.79	41.1	41.1	40.6	7.62	7.50	7.31
Durable Goods	340.23	329.33	321.40	39.7	39.3	41.1	8.57	8.38	7.82
Nondurable Goods	287.47	287.43	273.36	42.4	42.9	40.2	6.78	6.70	6.80

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Similar over-the-month growth was reported in services, due primarily to a sizeable gain in health services as hospitals added workers. Smaller advances were noted in business and repair services and in other services and miscellaneous, as landscaping and horticultural activities picked up. Services, which has been the fastest-growing industry in Texas, recorded a downturn from April 1986, however, as 12,200 jobs were lost. An estimated 17,700 positions were deleted in business and repair services over the year; and strong growth in health services was insufficient to overcome those declines.

Government gained only 700 jobs in April, as an increase of 1,200 in local government was partially offset by a decline of 600 in state government. Government has increased by 8,900 during the past year.

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In manufacturing, job growth in April was concentrated in the durable goods sector, which rose by 1,400. Much of this increase was due to small but widespread gains throughout durable goods. In fact, the only downturns in this segment in April were a decrease of 600 in nonelectrical machinery and a modest drop in furniture and fixtures. The largest growth occurred in transportation equipment, where defense contracts continued to provide stability.

Interspersed gains and losses left nondurable goods up only 100 over the month. Apparel and other finished textile products exhibited the biggest advance, with 400 additional jobs, while food and kindred products lost 700 jobs, due in part to a seasonal layoff in preserved fruits and vegetables. Other changes from March to April were smaller.

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS RISE

There were an estimated 608,600 Texas manufacturing production workers in April, up 1,800 from the March estimate. The average production worker in April was working a 41.1-hour week at $9.89 per hour, for weekly earnings averaging $406.48. Weekly hours worked were down 0.1 hour, while hourly earnings rose 5¢ over the month. The durable goods sector was responsible for the drop in weekly hours, as hours in nondurables rose slightly.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Apr. 1987	Apr. 1986
Total Population	16,912,200	16,602,500*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.8	2.2
UI Covered Employers	315,327	315,443
Total Claims Actions	799,227	771,212
Total Initial Claims Actions	76,900	96,920
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	722,327	674,292
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$157.51	$157.10
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$102,386,215	$92,710,363
Total Placements	28,085	31,134

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

Compared to year-ago estimates, although weekly hours had declined by 0.2 hour, average hourly earnings had risen 40¢, pushing average weekly earnings up by $10.41 from the April 1986 level.

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UNEMPLOYMENT RISES MODERATELY

Statewide unemployment increased by 47,700 in the actual series between April and May, pushing the unemployment rate up from 8.3 percent to 8.6 percent in mid-May. The current rate was, however, considerably below the May 1986 actual rate of 9.3 percent. There were an estimated 728,000 Texans seeking work in May, compared to 754,500 a year earlier. Most of the increase in joblessness was due to a seasonal increase in new and re-entrants, as summer jobseekers entered the labor force. Total employment advanced over the month, to a level of 7,730,500 in May.

In the seasonally adjusted series, the State's unemployment rate was unchanged between April and May, remaining at 8.6 percent. The current rate was well below the year-ago rate of 9.4 percent. The seasonally adjusted rate for the U. S. also remained constant over the month, at 6.3 percent. The actual rate for the Nation slid downward from 6.2 percent in April to 6.1 percent in May. The Statewide rate in both series continues to be slightly over two percentage points above the U. S. rates.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	May 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1986
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	119,695.0	118,347.0	117,199.0
Unemployment	7,318.0	7,306.0	8,158.0
Percent Unemployed	6.1	6.2	7.0
Total Employment	112,377.0	111,041.0	109,041.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	119,993.0	119,335.0	117,587.0
Unemployment	7,546.0	7,500.0	8,422.0
Percent Unemployed	6.3	6.3	7.2
Total Employment	112,447.0	111,835.0	109,165.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,458.5	8,207.9	8,075.8
Unemployment	728.0	680.3	754.5
Percent Unemployed	8.6	8.3	9.3
Total Employment	7,730.5	7,527.6	7,321.3
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,511.0	8,267.0	8,128.0
Unemployment	733.0	715.0	761.0
Percent Unemployed	8.6	8.6	9.4
Total Employment	7,778.0	7,552.0	7,367.0

NONFARM SALARIED EMPLOYMENT SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

The Statewide count of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs recorded its largest growth thus far in 1987 in May, as 14,400 positions were added. The current total was, however, still 102,100 below the year-ago level. Trade and services were primarily responsible for the monthly advance, as both reflected seasonal increases.

Wholesale and retail trade generated 8,100 jobs in May, as every sector except apparel and accessory stores and the other retail trade segment reported gains. Food stores showed the strongest growth, as stores recently sold by a large grocery chain were reopened and staffed under new management. Seasonal influences generated

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	May '87*	Apr.'87**	May '86**	May '87*	Apr.'87**	May '86**	May '87*	Apr.'87**	May '86**
Industry	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	50,100	50,100	51,300	77,600	77,000	79,100	361,200	362,400	364,900
Manufacturing	4,800	4,800	5,000	9,700	9,700	9,800	39,400	39,200	40,800
Mining	2,200	2,200	2,500	1,300	1,300	1,700	1,000	1,000	1,100
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,500	3,900	3,800	3,900	19,700	20,100	23,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,500	2,600	5,500	5,500	6,200	11,200	11,400	11,200
Trade	14,100	14,100	14,400	22,900	22,700	23,000	80,100	80,200	81,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,600	4,300	4,300	4,400	25,300	25,500	25,600
Services & Misc.	13,100	13,300	13,300	16,500	16,200	16,000	84,200	84,100	83,300
Government	8,400	8,300	8,400	13,500	13,500	14,100	100,300	100,900	97,300
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	127,900	127,400	129,900	56,900	57,000	58,500	65,700	65,700	65,900
Manufacturing	24,300	24,200	25,100	14,900	15,100	15,800	9,700	9,500	9,300
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,800	1,300	1,300	1,700	100	100	100
Construction	7,300	7,200	6,900	5,800	5,700	6,200	2,700	2,700	2,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,600	9,600	10,000	2,200	2,200	2,400	3,000	3,000	3,100
Trade	31,500	31,400	32,700	11,100	11,000	11,300	17,700	17,800	18,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,400	5,800	2,000	2,100	2,200	3,400	3,400	3,600
Services & Misc.	28,200	27,900	27,700	8,000	8,000	7,700	13,700	13,700	13,400
Government	20,000	20,100	19,900	11,600	11,600	11,200	15,400	15,500	15,700
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	48,300	48,100	49,200	127,500	128,300	130,300	1,308.7	1,313.3	1,344.6
Manufacturing	2,900	2,900	3,200	11,500	11,700	12,200	222.7	223.0	228.7
Mining	900	800	900	5,600	5,800	6,600	19.1	19.1	21.6
Construction	2,000	2,100	2,500	7,500	7,500	8,100	64.5	65.9	84.5
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,500	6,900	7,100	7,200	86.0	86.2	86.4
Trade	11,000	10,900	11,400	34,000	34,000	34,100	350.5	352.9	359.4
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,800	6,800	6,900	7,000	130.7	130.7	132.8
Services & Misc.	7,900	7,900	8,000	27,700	27,700	27,300	285.3	285.9	289.1
Government	20,400	20,300	19,900	27,500	27,600	27,800	149.9	149.6	142.1
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	186,200	185,300	183,700	512,000	514,300	511,500	69,300	69,500	72,100
Manufacturing	35,000	34,800	35,500	113,000	114,100	111,700	8,400	9,200	9,200
Mining	100	100	200	3,400	3,400	3,800	400	400	500
Construction	9,800	9,500	9,800	30,300	30,500	31,800	3,300	3,400	4,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,800	9,800	9,800	27,300	27,300	26,000	4,600	4,600	4,900
Trade	45,600	45,300	44,900	132,500	133,800	136,800	13,800	13,600	14,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,900	10,000	9,800	28,700	28,700	28,800	4,300	4,300	4,500
Services & Misc.	35,800	35,800	34,700	112,900	112,100	109,300	13,600	13,200	13,100
Government	40,200	40,000	39,000	63,900	64,400	63,300	20,900	20,800	20,900

a substantial number of jobs in general merchandise stores and eating and drinking places in May. Over the past 12 months, an estimated 21,500 positions have been deleted in trade, with the majority of this loss concentrated in the wholesale sector. Within retail trade, only general merchandise stores and food stores have gained jobs during the past year.

Services also benefitted from seasonal factors, adding 6,000 jobs. Inventory and tax return deadlines pushed employment up in business and repair services, while hiring also increased in amusement, including motion pictures, due to the approach of summer. Small scattered increases throughout health services pushed employment up, but expansion was most evident in nursing and personal care facilities. The only notable downturn in services was also seasonal in nature, as jobs were deleted in educational services at the end of the spring school term.

Other increases among major industry groups in May were smaller. Transportation and public utilities recorded offsetting gains and losses, limiting its total gain to only 700. A sizeable increase in water transportation was partially nullified by smaller losses in communication and in electric, gas and sanitary services. Within government, notable growth in federal government due to summer hiring and implementation of a new federal program was moderated by losses in state government related to the closing of state schools and colleges at the end of the term, holding the over-the-month gain for government to 500. Finance, insurance and real estate

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	May '87*	Apr.'87**	May '86**	May '87*	Apr.'87**	May '86**	May '87*	Apr.'87**	May '86**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,373.7	1,372.6	1,416.1	68,800	68,200	68,700	35,200	35,000	35,000
Manufacturing	147.7	147.7	155.8	8,700	8,400	8,900	1,900	1,800	1,900
Mining	62.5	62.8	73.3	100	100	100	2,100	2,000	1,800
Construction	83.1	84.0	94.3	3,600	3,700	4,100	1,300	1,300	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	91.6	91.5	95.5	2,700	2,800	2,800	4,000	4,000	4,000
Trade	349.4	349.4	362.6	16,200	16,200	16,200	9,900	9,800	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	100.4	100.4	105.2	3,000	3,000	3,200	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	348.1	345.4	338.3	14,400	14,100	13,600	6,000	6,000	5,800
Government	190.9	191.4	191.1	20,100	19,900	19,800	8,400	8,500	8,100
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	64,000	64,400	65,500	90,500	90,100	92,000	87,800	88,500	88,300
Manufacturing	14,900	14,900	15,200	7,400	7,300	7,400	12,300	12,700	12,100
Mining	3,500	3,600	3,800	300	300	300	1,000	1,000	1,100
Construction	3,000	3,000	3,400	3,000	3,100	4,300	4,400	4,600	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,100	4,400	4,400	4,700	2,900	2,900	2,800
Trade	17,000	17,000	17,300	27,900	27,300	27,600	25,800	25,900	26,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,200	3,300	5,400	5,300	5,500	3,800	3,800	4,000
Services & Misc.	11,100	11,300	11,200	20,500	20,700	20,500	13,600	13,700	13,800
Government	8,300	8,300	8,200	21,600	21,700	21,700	24,000	23,900	23,400
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	43,800	44,100	46,500	43,800	43,800	45,700	36,800	36,800	37,400
Manufacturing	3,000	2,900	3,500	3,700	3,600	4,000	5,800	5,800	5,600
Mining	8,500	8,700	9,600	6,200	6,100	6,800	500	600	700
Construction	1,500	1,500	1,700	2,200	2,500	2,700	1,900	1,800	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,200	2,300	2,100	2,000	2,100	3,100	3,200	3,400
Trade	10,600	10,600	10,900	13,000	13,000	13,400	9,300	9,300	9,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,800	2,900	2,900	1,600	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,800	9,300	7,300	7,200	7,400	7,800	7,700	7,700
Government	6,400	6,500	6,300	7,700	7,700	7,600	6,600	6,600	6,600
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	497,200	495,300	497,000	38,200	37,800	38,400	44,800	44,800	44,800
Manufacturing	46,200	45,700	48,900	11,100	11,000	11,800	7,200	7,200	7,300
Mining	2,600	2,600	2,800	100	100	200	--	--	--
Construction	31,400	31,600	36,500	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,400	1,400	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,100	17,900	18,700	2,000	2,100	2,100	1,800	1,800	1,900
Trade	131,000	130,100	128,200	8,800	8,600	8,600	10,900	10,900	10,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	39,300	39,100	38,400	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,900	1,800	2,000
Services & Misc.	118,200	118,200	114,900	7,700	7,600	7,300	9,100	9,100	8,800
Government	110,400	110,100	108,600	5,200	5,100	5,100	12,500	12,600	12,100
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
TOTAL	60,100	60,100	61,800	27,900	28,200	28,500	78,100	78,100	78,500
Manufacturing	10,800	10,700	11,500	2,900	3,000	3,000	14,900	14,600	15,600
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,100	1,800	1,800	1,900	100	100	200
Construction	2,700	2,700	3,000	2,000	2,000	2,100	3,900	3,900	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,900	1,400	1,500	1,500	3,300	3,300	3,400
Trade	15,900	16,100	16,300	7,900	8,000	8,000	19,100	19,200	19,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,700	3,600	3,800	1,500	1,500	1,600	4,800	4,900	4,800
Services & Misc.	13,400	13,400	13,300	5,800	5,800	6,000	19,500	19,700	19,100
Government	8,900	8,900	8,900	4,600	4,600	4,400	12,500	12,400	12,300
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	50,500	50,200	50,400						
Manufacturing	8,100	8,200	8,200						
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,200						
Construction	2,100	2,000	2,200						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600						
Trade	12,600	12,400	12,200						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,400	2,400						
Services & Misc.	11,100	11,100	11,100						
Government	9,500	9,500	9,500						

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	May 1987*	Apr. 1987**	May 1986**	Change From Apr. 1987	Change From May 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,505,200	6,490,800	6,607,300	14,400	-102,100
Manufacturing	948,500	946,400	960,600	2,100	-12,100
Durable Goods	549,400	547,400	558,800	2,000	-9,400
Lumber & Wood Products	37,400	37,300	38,300	100	-900
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,500	7,300	7,000	200	500
Furniture & Fixtures	17,000	16,700	17,300	300	-300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	44,400	44,100	48,700	300	-4,300
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	19,500	19,400	22,500	100	-3,000
Primary Metal Industries	28,100	28,000	29,500	100	-1,400
Fabricated Metal Industries	74,300	74,400	78,000	-100	-3,700
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	37,000	37,100	39,300	-100	-2,300
Machinery, Except Electrical	102,200	101,400	110,400	800	-8,200
Oil Field Machinery	23,400	23,300	29,400	100	-6,000
Electric & Electronic Equipment	121,100	119,800	118,800	1,300	2,300
Transportation Equipment	89,900	90,500	82,000	-600	7,900
Aircraft & Parts	52,100	51,800	44,900	300	7,200
Instruments & Related Products	22,100	22,300	22,700	-200	-600
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,900	12,900	13,100	0	-200
Nondurable Goods	399,100	399,000	401,800	100	-2,700
Food & Kindred Products	96,200	96,400	95,700	-200	500
Meat Products	27,400	27,300	26,500	100	900
Dairy Products	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0
Bakery Products	10,600	10,700	10,700	-100	-100
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,000	0	100
Textile Mill Products	4,200	4,200	4,400	0	-200
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	50,000	49,800	54,200	200	-4,200
Paper & Allied Products	23,600	23,600	23,000	0	600
Printing & Publishing	77,000	77,300	77,300	-300	-300
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,900	39,200	39,500	-300	-600
Chemicals & Allied Products	73,600	73,200	72,700	400	900
Petroleum & Coal Products	32,900	33,100	34,700	-200	-1,800
Petroleum Refining	29,600	29,800	31,300	-200	-1,700
Leather & Leather Products	7,200	7,100	6,900	100	300
Other Nondurable Goods	34,400	34,300	32,900	100	1,500
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,556,700	5,544,400	5,646,700	12,300	-90,000
Mining	188,300	188,900	205,700	-600	-17,400
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,400	10,400	10,600	0	-200
Oil & Gas Extraction	177,900	178,500	195,100	-600	-17,200
Construction	365,100	367,700	417,900	-2,600	-52,800
Transportation & Public Utilities	376,800	376,100	373,000	700	3,800
Railroad Transportation	20,800	20,800	22,200	0	-1,400
Transportation, Except Railroads	195,100	193,500	186,200	1,600	8,900
Transportation by Air	54,400	54,200	47,600	200	6,800
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	85,100	85,300	87,400	-200	-2,300
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	75,800	76,500	77,200	-700	-1,400
Electric Services	41,900	42,600	43,000	-700	-1,100
Gas Production & Distribution	26,800	26,800	27,100	0	-300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,661,300	1,653,200	1,682,800	8,100	-21,500
Wholesale Trade	412,900	411,900	432,100	1,000	-19,200
Retail Trade	1,248,400	1,241,300	1,250,700	7,100	-2,300
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	45,400	45,100	51,300	300	-5,900
General Merchandise Stores	165,000	163,100	158,500	1,900	6,500
Food Stores	236,600	234,100	228,800	2,500	7,800
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	132,800	131,800	136,500	1,000	-3,700
Apparel & Accessory Stores	79,800	80,000	81,700	-200	-1,900
Eating & Drinking Places	404,400	402,700	404,400	1,700	0
Other Retail Trade	184,400	184,500	189,500	-100	-5,100
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	440,700	440,500	449,500	200	-8,800
Banking	96,900	97,500	105,200	-600	-8,300
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	136,700	136,000	135,600	700	1,100
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	207,100	207,000	208,700	100	-1,600
Services	1,371,900	1,365,900	1,376,900	6,000	-5,000
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	86,200	86,100	86,800	100	-600
Personal Services	81,000	81,500	81,500	-500	-500
Business & Repair Services	359,600	356,800	373,700	2,800	-14,100
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	52,900	50,700	57,500	2,200	-4,600
Health Services	384,700	382,200	369,000	2,500	15,700
Educational Services	71,100	72,900	67,700	-1,800	3,400
Other Services & Miscellaneous	336,400	335,700	340,700	700	-4,300
Total Government	1,152,600	1,152,100	1,140,900	500	11,700
Total Federal Government	194,300	192,500	192,600	1,800	1,700
Total State Government	249,600	250,700	235,200	-1,100	14,400
Total Local Government	708,700	708,900	713,100	-200	-4,400

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	May '87*	Apr.'87**	May '86**	May '87*	Apr.'87**	May '86**	May '87*	Apr.'87**	May '86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,200	55,500	55,000	102,500	99,000	97,800	448,100	435,400	416,700
Total Unemployment	5,000	4,600	5,200	6,500	6,000	6,800	29,400	26,200	24,000
Percent Unemployed	8.7	8.3	9.5	6.3	6.1	7.0	6.6	6.0	5.8
Total Employment 2/	52,200	50,900	49,800	96,000	93,000	91,000	418,700	409,200	392,700
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	166,200	161,000	163,600	83,500	80,600	81,200	98,300	94,700	93,800
Total Unemployment	22,100	20,600	26,400	8,000	7,500	9,600	14,100	13,200	15,100
Percent Unemployed	13.3	12.8	16.1	9.6	9.3	11.8	14.3	13.9	16.1
Total Employment 2/	144,100	140,400	137,200	75,500	73,100	71,600	84,200	81,500	78,700
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,800	57,700	57,700	171,100	167,000	165,400	1,456.3	1,421.4	1,385.7
Total Unemployment	3,600	3,300	3,900	20,700	19,200	22,100	92.6	88.1	80.7
Percent Unemployed	6.0	5.7	6.8	12.1	11.5	13.4	6.4	6.2	5.8
Total Employment 2/	56,200	54,400	53,800	150,400	147,800	143,300	1,363.7	1,333.3	1,305.0
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	237,700	228,300	220,400	686,300	671,600	639,900	111,300	106,500	107,500
Total Unemployment	25,800	23,500	26,400	47,300	46,100	44,400	12,100	10,700	13,100
Percent Unemployed	10.9	10.3	12.0	6.9	6.9	6.9	10.9	10.0	12.2
Total Employment 2/	211,900	204,800	194,000	639,000	625,500	595,500	99,200	95,800	94,400
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,638.3	1,586.6	1,601.0	94,200	90,500	87,000	46,500	45,500	43,300
Total Unemployment	155.5	143.3	175.7	7,400	6,700	6,700	7,200	7,200	7,100
Percent Unemployed	9.5	9.0	11.0	7.9	7.4	7.7	15.5	15.8	16.4
Total Employment 2/	1,482.8	1,443.3	1,425.3	86,800	83,800	80,300	39,300	38,300	36,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	.80,800	78,800	80,300	114,100	111,000	109,100	148,300	143,700	141,000
Total Unemployment	8,800	8,300	11,200	7,300	6,700	7,900	24,000	23,900	24,300
Percent Unemployed	10.9	10.5	13.9	6.4	6.0	7.2	16.2	16.6	17.2
Total Employment 2/	72,000	70,500	69,100	106,800	104,300	101,200	124,300	119,800	116,700
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,300	50,800	52,700	58,400	56,800	60,000	47,200	45,700	45,400
Total Unemployment	5,100	4,800	6,100	7,100	6,900	9,800	3,100	2,800	3,600
Percent Unemployed	9.8	9.4	11.6	12.2	12.1	16.3	6.6	6.1	7.9
Total Employment 2/	47,200	46,000	46,600	51,300	49,900	50,200	44,100	42,900	41,800
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	616,200	595,200	570,300	50,800	49,100	47,400	57,500	56,500	56,300
Total Unemployment	49,400	44,700	42,200	4,100	3,600	3,500	4,700	4,800	5,700
Percent Unemployed	8.0	7.5	7.4	8.1	7.3	7.4	8.2	8.5	10.1
Total Employment 2/	566,800	550,500	528,100	46,700	45,500	43,900	52,800	51,700	50,600
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,900	75,800	74,500	39,200	38,000	38,000	95,400	92,500	89,700
Total Unemployment	7,100	6,500	6,600	3,600	3,300	4,400	7,600	7,000	7,600
Percent Unemployed	9.1	8.6	8.9	9.2	8.7	11.6	8.0	7.6	8.5
Total Employment 2/	70,800	69,300	67,900	35,600	34,700	33,600	87,800	85,500	82,100
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,300	57,200	56,200				8,458.5	8,207.9	8,075.8
Total Unemployment	4,800	4,300	5,000				728.0	680.3	754.5
Percent Unemployed	8.1	7.5	8.9				8.6	8.3	9.3
Total Employment 2/	54,500	52,900	51,200				7,730.5	7,527.6	7,321.3

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May ± 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1986	May ± 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1986	May ± 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1986
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 410.18	$ 405.49	$ 395.37	41.6	41.0	41.4	$ 9.86	$ 9.89	$ 9.55
Durable Goods	402.53	397.58	388.44	41.8	41.2	41.5	9.63	9.65	9.36
Lumber & Wood Products	278.52	271.76	287.17	40.6	39.5	41.8	6.86	6.88	6.87
Furniture & Fixtures	261.23	252.20	217.93	39.7	39.1	38.1	6.58	6.45	5.72
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	398.03	401.12	391.61	43.5	43.6	44.2	9.15	9.20	8.86
Primary Metal Industries	440.79	416.80	417.60	41.9	40.0	40.0	10.52	10.42	10.44
Fabricated Metal Products	366.54	363.45	356.17	41.0	40.7	40.2	8.94	8.93	8.86
Machinery, exc. Electric	422.18	414.51	415.33	41.8	41.0	41.7	10.10	10.11	9.96
Oil Field Machinery	522.44	508.15	484.98	43.5	42.1	41.1	12.01	12.07	11.80
Electric & Electronic Equip.	430.08	432.60	417.78	42.0	42.0	42.2	10.24	10.30	9.90
Transportation Equipment	535.12	527.77	508.57	43.4	42.7	42.1	12.33	12.36	12.08
Instruments & Related Prod.	353.20	343.42	341.82	40.0	38.5	40.5	8.83	8.92	8.44
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	264.03	262.43	262.81	38.1	38.2	39.7	6.93	6.87	6.62
Nondurable Goods	420.62	416.77	402.78	41.4	40.9	41.1	10.16	10.19	9.80
Food & Kindred Products	350.51	342.26	342.36	40.9	40.6	41.7	8.57	8.43	8.21
Meat Products	265.18	264.41	271.34	38.6	38.6	41.3	6.87	6.85	6.57
Malt Beverages	947.63	814.22	906.17	52.5	46.5	51.9	18.05	17.51	17.46
Textile Mill Products	312.23	316.19	299.60	44.1	45.3	42.8	7.08	6.98	7.00
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	196.10	187.62	195.67	37.0	35.2	37.2	5.30	5.33	5.26
Paper & Allied Products	459.02	460.10	454.37	43.1	42.8	43.9	10.65	10.75	10.35
Printing & Publishing	383.96	382.98	382.54	39.3	39.2	39.6	9.77	9.77	9.66
Chemicals & Allied Products	671.64	665.72	630.20	44.1	44.0	42.9	15.23	15.13	14.69
Petroleum & Coal Products	651.87	664.68	623.66	43.4	43.5	41.8	15.02	15.28	14.92
Petroleum Refining	675.74	690.90	648.32	43.4	43.7	41.8	15.57	15.81	15.51
Leather & Leather Products	210.65	212.78	214.94	40.2	37.2	40.1	5.24	5.72	5.36
Other Nondurable Goods	392.00	392.50	381.06	44.8	44.3	43.8	8.75	8.86	8.70
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	488.31	472.78	526.61	41.0	40.1	43.2	11.91	11.79	12.19
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	562.17	537.68	445.61	45.3	44.0	39.4	12.41	12.22	11.31
Oil & Gas Extraction	483.11	467.65	531.65	40.7	39.8	43.4	11.87	11.75	12.25
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	474.67	474.28	481.99	39.1	39.1	39.9	12.14	12.13	12.08
Elec., Gas & San. Services	436.29	431.94	458.68	40.1	39.7	40.2	10.88	10.88	11.41
Wholesale & Retail Trade	226.37	225.78	225.78	32.2	32.3	32.3	7.03	6.99	6.99
Wholesale Trade	386.31	382.39	379.60	39.5	39.3	39.5	9.78	9.73	9.61
Retail Trade	178.50	178.78	176.40	30.0	30.2	30.0	5.95	5.92	5.88
General Merchandise Stores	189.44	186.53	186.82	29.1	29.1	29.1	6.51	6.41	6.42
Banking	267.04	263.44	263.47	37.4	37.0	37.8	7.14	7.12	6.97

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 402.66	$ 401.86	$ 397.29	41.9	41.6	42.4	$ 9.61	$ 9.66	$ 9.37
Durable Goods	427.39	427.98	417.48	42.4	42.0	42.6	10.08	10.19	9.80
Nondurable Goods	360.86	358.69	362.02	41.1	40.9	41.9	8.78	8.77	8.64
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	411.58	396.26	398.89	41.7	40.6	41.9	9.87	9.76	9.52
Durable Goods	433.44	414.73	414.96	42.0	40.7	42.0	10.32	10.19	9.88
Nondurable Goods	357.06	350.27	356.07	40.9	40.4	41.5	8.73	8.67	8.58
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	485.90	482.54	469.69	43.5	43.2	42.2	11.17	11.17	11.13
Durable Goods	417.51	414.19	402.55	43.4	43.1	41.5	9.62	9.61	9.70
Nondurable Goods	563.73	558.58	552.11	43.7	43.2	43.1	12.90	12.93	12.81
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	311.48	312.17	307.42	40.4	40.7	41.6	7.71	7.67	7.39
Durable Goods	339.69	335.01	332.35	39.0	39.0	41.7	8.71	8.59	7.97
Nondurable Goods	284.24	290.44	283.03	41.8	42.4	41.5	6.80	6.85	6.82

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

also had offsetting trends, as insurance carriers, agents and brokers gained positions and banking lost jobs, leaving the sector's employment up only 200.

Employers in construction deleted an additional 2,600 jobs in May, bringing the annual job loss total to 52,800 for this industry. Construction has now lost more than twice as many positions as mining during the past 12 months. These two sectors together have deleted over 120,000 jobs in the past 18 months. Although decreases in construction have moderated somewhat in the past few months, they show no immediate sign of stopping. Losses in mining, on the other hand, have slowed to a trickle, and this sector dropped by only 600 in May.

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The durable goods portion of manufacturing was responsible for almost all of the over-the-month increases in manufacturing in May. Durable goods gained 2,000 jobs, due primarily to two sectors. Electric and electronic equipment added 1,300 positions, as small increases throughout communication equipment combined with one large advance in electronic components and accessories. A recall of workers in air conditioning and refrigeration equipment was the major impetus for the sizeable increase in nonelectrical machinery in May. Other smaller growth was fairly widespread within durable goods. The only notable downturn in this sector was in transportation equipment, as a major firm laid off workers temporarily for retooling.

Nondurable goods managed a gain of only 100 over the month, as minor increases and decreases basically nullified each other. The largest gain occurred in chemicals and allied products, which added 400 jobs. Printing and publishing lost positions, in May, as did food and kindred products and petroleum and coal products. Small growth in apparel and other finished textile products and in leather and leather products, along with the larger increase in chemicals and allied products, were barely sufficient to push nondurable goods above its April level.

WEEKLY HOURS RISE, HOURLY EARNINGS DROP

In May, there were an estimated 610,600 manufacturing production workers in Texas, up 700 from the April estimate. The average production worker in May was working a 41.6-hour week at $9.86 per hour and averaging $410.18 a week. Average weekly hours had risen 0.6 hour over the month, while average hourly earnings declined by 3¢. Average weekly earnings rose by $4.69 between April and May.

Compared to a year ago, average weekly hours had risen 0.2 hour and average hourly earnings were up by 31¢, raising the average weekly wage by $14.81.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	May 1987	May 1986
Total Population	16,938,000	16,628,300*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.6	2.3
UI Covered Employers	316,831	314,263
Total Claims Actions	695,909	799,356
Total Initial Claims Actions	65,725	85,973
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	629,184	713,383
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$158.35	$160.20
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$92,286,648	$106,322,312
Total Placements	26,460	30,018

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

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UNEMPLOYMENT RISES SEASONALLY

The entrance of students, graduates, and other summer jobseekers into the Texas labor force pushed the Statewide actual unemployment rate up from 8.6 percent in May to 9.6 percent in June. There were an estimated 815,800 jobless Texans in mid-June, up 87,800 from the May level but well below the 912,900 unemployed in June 1986, when the actual rate was a record 11.1 percent.

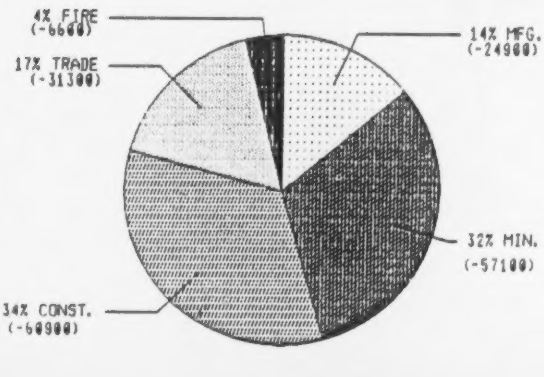
Since the majority of the increase in joblessness was seasonal, the seasonally adjusted rate for the State was unchanged over the month, at 8.6 percent -- much better than the year-ago rate of 10.0 percent (also a record high). The U. S. actual rate rose slightly between May and June, to 6.3 percent in mid-June, while the seasonally adjusted rate slid downward from 6.3 percent in May to 6.1 percent in June.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	121,153.0	119,695.0	119,644.0
Unemployment	7,655.0	7,318.0	8,775.0
Percent Unemployed	6.3	6.1	7.3
Total Employment	113,498.0	112,377.0	110,869.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	119,517.0	119,993.0	118,005.0
Unemployment	7,260.0	7,546.0	8,392.0
Percent Unemployed	6.1	6.3	7.1
Total Employment	112,257.0	112,447.0	109,613.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,483.1	8,458.5	8,259.4
Unemployment	815.8	728.0	912.9
Percent Unemployed	9.6	8.6	11.1
Total Employment	7,667.3	7,730.5	7,346.5
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,372.0	8,511.0	8,149.0
Unemployment	716.0	733.0	818.0
Percent Unemployed	8.6	8.6	10.0
Total Employment	7,656.0	7,778.0	7,331.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY JOBS DECLINE BY OVER 140,000 FROM JANUARY 1986 TOTAL

INDUSTRY SECTORS WHICH HAVE LOST JOBS IN THE LAST 18 MONTHS
(PERCENT OF TOTAL JOBS LOST IN THESE SECTORS)
Jan. 1986-June 1987



Between January 1986 and June 1987, Texas lost 142,900 salaried nonfarm jobs. Had it not been for moderate growth in government, services, and transportation and public utilities, the total decrease would have been even greater. As shown on the chart at left, construction, mining, manufacturing, trade and finance, insurance and real estate deleted 180,800 jobs during this span. The chart also shows the proportion of the loss for each sector. Most of the decreases in mining, construction and manufacturing occurred in 1986, while trade has declined primarily during 1987.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	June'87*	May '87**	June'86**	June'87*	May '87**	June'86**	June'87*	May '87**	June'86**
		ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN	
TOTAL	49,700	50,100	50,200	77,200	77,600	78,200	352,400	361,100	356,200
Manufacturing	4,800	4,800	4,900	10,000	9,700	10,000	39,200	39,300	41,000
Mining	2,200	2,200	2,400	1,300	1,300	1,600	900	900	1,000
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,500	3,700	3,900	4,100	19,400	19,700	23,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,500	2,600	5,500	5,500	6,000	11,100	11,200	11,100
Trade	14,100	14,200	14,000	22,800	22,900	23,000	80,300	80,200	81,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,600	4,400	4,300	4,400	25,300	25,300	25,900
Services & Misc.	12,800	13,100	13,100	16,800	16,500	16,200	83,900	84,200	83,100
Government	8,300	8,400	8,100	12,700	13,500	12,900	92,300	100,300	88,900
		BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN	
TOTAL	127,000	127,400	129,600	57,000	57,100	58,000	65,700	65,700	65,500
Manufacturing	24,400	24,300	25,300	15,000	14,900	15,700	9,600	9,600	9,500
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,700	1,300	1,300	1,600	100	100	100
Construction	7,200	7,200	7,100	5,800	5,900	6,000	2,600	2,700	2,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,400	9,500	9,800	2,200	2,200	2,300	3,000	3,000	3,100
Trade	31,300	31,300	32,600	11,200	11,200	11,400	17,700	17,700	18,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,400	5,700	2,100	2,000	2,200	3,400	3,400	3,500
Services & Misc.	28,300	28,100	28,000	8,100	8,000	7,600	14,500	13,800	13,700
Government	19,400	20,000	19,400	11,300	11,600	11,200	14,800	15,400	14,800
		BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/	
TOTAL	46,300	48,100	46,600	127,000	128,000	129,900	1,305.2	1,310.2	1,344.8
Manufacturing	3,000	2,900	3,200	11,700	11,700	12,200	223.8	223.1	227.7
Mining	800	800	800	5,700	5,700	6,700	19.2	19.1	21.3
Construction	1,900	2,000	2,300	7,400	7,600	8,300	64.3	64.5	83.8
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,500	1,600	7,000	7,000	7,200	87.3	86.5	86.5
Trade	10,800	10,900	11,400	34,000	34,200	34,300	349.6	351.1	359.6
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,800	6,800	6,700	7,000	130.6	130.8	134.4
Services & Misc.	7,800	7,900	8,000	27,000	27,500	26,700	286.0	285.4	290.5
Government	18,700	20,400	17,500	27,400	27,600	27,500	144.4	149.7	141.0
		EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY	
TOTAL	184,900	185,300	183,300	512,100	514,300	511,400	70,300	69,200	72,400
Manufacturing	35,100	34,700	35,600	110,800	113,100	112,600	8,900	8,400	9,400
Mining	100	100	200	3,400	3,400	3,700	400	400	500
Construction	9,600	9,500	10,100	30,500	30,400	31,100	3,200	3,300	4,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,900	9,800	10,000	27,800	27,400	25,500	4,500	4,600	4,800
Trade	45,300	45,300	45,300	133,800	133,600	137,900	14,300	13,800	14,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,800	10,000	9,800	28,900	28,800	28,700	4,300	4,300	4,500
Services & Misc.	36,300	35,800	34,800	114,800	113,300	111,000	13,700	13,500	13,600
Government	38,800	40,100	37,500	62,100	64,300	60,900	21,000	20,900	21,100

MONTHLY JOBS COUNT SHOWS SMALL INCREASE

Between May and June 1987, the count of nonfarm salaried jobs improved somewhat, as employers added 1,000 jobs Statewide, bringing the total to 6,505,400 in June. Two major sectors recorded over-the-month declines, one of which was considerable. The most notable, if not the largest, growth was reported in mining, where oil and gas extraction generated an additional 900 jobs in June, as stable oil prices promoted optimism in the industry. This was the biggest over-the-month increase in mining since July 1984.

Services recorded the largest increase over the month, adding 10,300 jobs. The greatest gain in this sector was generated by health services, where hospitals hired additional summer help and medical laboratories, blood banks, and pathologists and radiologists recorded expansion. Other services and miscellaneous grew due to seasonal hiring in legal firms and by civic, social and fraternal associations. The end of the spring school term brought a sizeable downturn in educational services.

Seasonal factors also influenced transportation and public utilities, where transportation by air reported an additional 1,100 jobs in June, while electric, gas and sanitary services exhibited a smaller increase, with 700 extra positions.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	June'87*	May '87**	June'86**	June'87*	May '87**	June'86**	June'87*	May '87**	June'86**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,373.8	1,373.0	1,411.3	69,300	69,200	69,000	35,100	35,000	34,700
Manufacturing	148.3	147.9	153.8	8,700	8,800	8,800	2,000	1,900	1,700
Mining	62.5	62.4	71.5	100	100	100	2,100	2,100	1,700
Construction	82.5	83.0	93.7	3,700	3,700	4,000	1,400	1,300	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	91.4	91.5	95.2	2,600	2,700	2,900	3,900	3,900	4,000
Trade	349.5	348.9	362.3	16,300	16,300	16,400	9,700	9,800	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	99.6	100.4	106.0	3,000	3,000	3,200	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	350.9	347.9	340.7	14,600	14,400	13,700	6,000	6,000	5,900
Government	189.1	191.0	188.1	20,300	20,200	19,900	8,400	8,400	8,000
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	63,800	64,500	65,600	88,800	89,800	90,600	87,400	88,100	86,800
Manufacturing	15,000	14,900	15,100	7,500	7,300	7,400	12,500	12,600	12,500
Mining	3,600	3,600	3,700	300	300	300	1,000	1,000	1,100
Construction	3,000	3,000	3,300	2,800	2,900	4,300	4,400	4,400	4,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,100	4,600	4,400	4,500	2,900	2,900	2,800
Trade	16,500	17,000	17,600	27,400	27,600	27,900	25,800	25,800	25,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,100	3,400	5,400	5,400	5,600	3,800	3,800	4,000
Services & Misc.	11,200	11,400	11,200	20,900	20,300	20,500	13,700	13,600	13,700
Government	8,300	8,400	8,200	19,900	21,600	20,100	23,300	24,000	22,900
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	43,900	43,600	45,100	44,300	43,800	45,300	36,500	36,900	37,000
Manufacturing	3,000	3,000	3,200	3,700	3,700	4,000	5,700	5,800	5,700
Mining	8,500	8,300	9,400	6,400	6,200	6,400	600	500	600
Construction	1,600	1,600	1,700	2,400	2,300	2,900	1,900	1,900	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,200	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,100	3,100	3,100	3,300
Trade	10,800	10,600	10,800	13,100	12,900	13,400	9,300	9,500	9,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,800	2,800	2,900	1,600	1,600	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,700	8,800	7,400	7,300	7,400	7,600	7,800	7,800
Government	6,200	6,400	6,000	7,600	7,700	7,400	6,500	6,500	6,400
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	497,000	497,500	495,600	37,900	38,300	38,100	45,000	44,800	45,000
Manufacturing	46,500	46,400	49,000	11,300	11,100	11,700	7,200	7,200	7,200
Mining	2,600	2,600	2,700	100	100	200	--	--	--
Construction	31,200	31,600	36,500	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,400	1,500	2,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,000	17,900	18,500	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,700	1,700	1,800
Trade	131,300	130,900	128,700	8,800	8,800	8,600	11,300	10,900	10,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	39,500	39,500	38,700	1,500	1,500	1,600	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	118,400	118,200	115,000	7,300	7,700	7,100	9,300	9,100	9,100
Government	109,500	110,400	106,500	5,000	5,200	5,000	12,200	12,500	12,000
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
TOTAL	60,700	60,600	61,800	27,800	28,000	28,400	77,700	78,500	77,400
Manufacturing	10,800	10,800	11,600	3,100	2,900	3,100	15,100	15,000	15,500
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,700	1,800	1,900	100	100	200
Construction	2,700	2,700	3,100	2,100	2,000	2,000	3,900	3,900	4,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,900	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,400	3,300	3,500
Trade	16,400	16,400	16,400	7,700	7,900	8,200	19,200	19,200	18,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,700	3,700	3,900	1,500	1,500	1,600	4,800	4,900	4,900
Services & Misc.	13,500	13,400	13,300	5,800	5,800	5,900	18,800	19,600	18,400
Government	8,900	8,900	8,600	4,400	4,600	4,200	12,400	12,500	12,200
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	50,400	50,300	50,700						
Manufacturing	8,300	8,200	8,300						
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,100						
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,200						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,700						
Trade	12,500	12,500	12,200						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,400	2,500						
Services & Misc.	11,100	11,100	11,100						
Government	9,500	9,500	9,600						

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	June 1987*	May 1987**	June 1986**	Change From May 1987	Change From June 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,505,400	6,504,400	6,568,700	1,000	-63,300
Manufacturing	952,000	948,800	959,600	3,200	-7,600
Durable Goods	549,800	549,900	555,600	-100	-5,800
Lumber & Wood Products	37,100	37,400	38,200	-300	-1,100
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,500	7,400	7,000	100	500
Furniture & Fixtures	16,900	17,100	17,200	-200	-300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	44,700	44,500	48,900	200	-4,200
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	19,500	19,500	22,300	0	-2,800
Primary Metal Industries	28,100	28,100	27,500	0	600
Fabricated Metal Industries	74,600	74,400	77,500	200	-2,900
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	37,200	37,200	39,100	0	-1,900
Machinery, Except Electrical	103,600	102,600	109,300	1,000	-5,700
Oil Field Machinery	24,200	23,700	28,400	500	-4,200
Electric & Electronic Equipment	122,300	120,900	118,600	1,400	3,700
Transportation Equipment	87,800	89,800	83,000	-2,000	4,800
Aircraft & Parts	49,500	52,100	45,500	-2,600	4,000
Instruments & Related Products	21,800	22,200	22,500	-400	-700
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,900	12,900	12,900	0	0
Nondurable Goods	402,200	398,900	404,000	3,300	-1,800
Food & Kindred Products	96,800	96,000	96,400	800	400
Meat Products	27,900	27,500	26,800	400	1,100
Dairy Products	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0
Bakery Products	10,300	10,600	10,800	-300	-500
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
Textile Mill Products	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	51,200	50,200	53,900	1,000	-2,700
Paper & Allied Products	24,300	23,700	23,000	600	1,300
Printing & Publishing	76,100	76,600	77,200	-500	-1,100
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,500	38,500	39,400	0	-900
Chemicals & Allied Products	74,400	73,600	75,200	800	-800
Petroleum & Coal Products	33,100	33,000	34,400	100	-1,300
Petroleum Refining	29,800	29,700	31,200	100	-1,400
Leather & Leather Products	7,100	7,100	7,000	0	100
Other Nondurable Goods	35,000	34,500	32,700	500	2,300
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,553,400	5,555,600	5,609,100	-2,200	-55,700
Mining	190,900	189,900	201,300	1,000	-10,400
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,500	10,400	10,900	100	-400
Oil & Gas Extraction	180,400	179,500	190,400	900	-10,000
Construction	365,800	366,000	418,100	-200	-52,300
Transportation & Public Utilities	379,000	377,300	370,700	1,700	8,300
Railroad Transportation	20,800	20,800	22,000	0	-1,200
Transportation, Except Railroads	196,600	195,500	187,800	1,100	8,800
Transportation by Air	56,000	54,900	48,000	1,100	8,000
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	84,900	85,000	83,500	-100	1,400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,700	76,000	77,400	700	-700
Electric Services	42,500	42,100	43,300	400	-800
Gas Production & Distribution	27,000	26,800	27,000	200	0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,659,500	1,658,700	1,688,100	800	-28,600
Wholesale Trade	412,200	411,700	429,700	500	-17,500
Retail Trade	1,247,300	1,247,000	1,258,400	300	-11,100
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	44,900	45,400	49,900	-500	-5,000
General Merchandise Stores	167,300	165,700	160,100	1,600	7,200
Food Stores	234,200	235,200	231,100	-1,000	3,100
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	131,700	132,400	137,800	-700	-6,100
Apparel & Accessory Stores	79,600	79,000	81,000	600	-1,400
Eating & Drinking Places	405,600	405,600	409,100	0	-3,500
Other Retail Trade	184,000	183,700	189,400	300	-5,400
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	439,600	440,800	452,100	-1,200	-12,500
Banking	96,700	96,900	105,000	-200	-8,300
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	137,100	136,600	136,800	500	300
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	205,800	207,300	210,300	-1,500	-4,500
Services	1,379,900	1,369,600	1,380,600	10,300	-700
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	86,700	86,500	90,800	200	-4,100
Personal Services	81,700	81,200	81,600	500	100
Business & Repair Services	359,700	357,800	374,000	1,900	-14,300
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	54,400	52,800	60,700	1,600	-6,300
Health Services	390,900	384,400	372,000	6,500	18,900
Educational Services	63,900	69,600	58,900	-5,700	5,000
Other Services & Miscellaneous	342,600	337,300	342,600	5,300	0
Total Government	1,138,700	1,153,300	1,098,200	-14,600	40,500
Total Federal Government	195,900	194,400	192,500	1,500	3,400
Total State Government	245,100	251,300	221,700	-6,200	23,400
Total Local Government	697,700	707,600	684,000	-9,900	13,700

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	June'87*	May '87**	June'86**	June'87*	May '87**	June'86**	June'87*	May '87**	June'86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,600	57,100	55,300	102,800	102,600	99,000	439,800	447,100	415,900
Total Unemployment	5,400	5,000	6,400	7,400	6,500	7,900	32,900	29,300	28,400
Percent Unemployed	9.5	8.8	11.6	7.2	6.3	8.0	7.5	6.6	6.8
Total Employment 2/	51,200	52,100	48,900	95,400	96,100	91,100	406,900	417,800	387,500
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	166,600	165,900	168,100	84,300	83,500	82,900	99,100	98,300	96,700
Total Unemployment	24,300	22,000	30,800	9,400	8,000	11,600	15,400	14,000	18,300
Percent Unemployed	14.6	13.3	18.3	11.2	9.6	14.0	15.5	14.2	18.9
Total Employment 2/	142,300	143,900	137,300	74,900	75,500	71,300	83,700	84,300	78,400
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,500	59,500	56,700	171,400	171,600	169,600	1,457.7	1,457.4	1,417.0
Total Unemployment	4,000	3,500	5,000	23,500	20,700	26,000	106.3	92.7	98.2
Percent Unemployed	7.0	5.9	8.8	13.7	12.1	15.3	7.3	6.4	6.9
Total Employment 2/	53,500	56,000	51,700	147,900	150,900	143,600	1,351.4	1,364.7	1,318.8
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	238,300	236,300	227,700	695,000	688,800	654,400	112,300	110,600	110,800
Total Unemployment	29,100	25,800	32,100	56,400	47,500	53,200	14,100	12,100	15,200
Percent Unemployed	12.2	10.9	14.1	8.1	6.9	8.1	12.6	10.9	13.7
Total Employment 2/	209,200	210,500	195,600	638,600	641,300	601,200	98,200	98,500	95,600
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,646.0	1,636.3	1,641.2	95,200	94,300	89,500	46,700	46,400	44,800
Total Unemployment	172.1	155.4	212.4	8,300	7,400	8,300	7,800	7,200	8,600
Percent Unemployed	10.5	9.5	12.9	8.7	7.8	9.3	16.7	15.5	19.2
Total Employment 2/	1,473.9	1,480.9	1,428.8	86,900	86,900	81,200	38,900	39,200	36,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	81,600	81,200	82,300	112,800	114,000	110,300	148,400	148,600	145,800
Total Unemployment	10,000	8,800	13,300	8,300	7,300	9,400	25,800	24,000	29,900
Percent Unemployed	12.3	10.8	16.2	7.4	6.4	8.5	17.4	16.2	20.5
Total Employment 2/	71,600	72,400	69,000	104,500	106,700	100,900	122,600	124,600	115,900
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,700	52,200	53,200	59,000	58,500	62,100	47,300	47,100	45,700
Total Unemployment	5,600	5,100	7,600	7,400	7,100	12,400	3,200	3,100	4,100
Percent Unemployed	10.6	9.8	14.3	12.5	12.1	20.0	6.8	6.6	9.0
Total Employment 2/	47,100	47,100	45,600	51,600	51,400	49,700	44,100	44,000	41,600
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	619,800	615,900	582,400	50,300	50,800	48,400	58,600	57,500	57,800
Total Unemployment	56,100	49,300	50,700	4,300	4,100	4,400	5,500	4,700	6,400
Percent Unemployed	9.1	8.0	8.7	8.5	8.1	9.1	9.4	8.2	11.1
Total Employment 2/	563,700	566,600	531,700	46,000	46,700	44,000	53,100	52,800	51,400
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,500	78,300	76,300	39,400	39,400	39,000	95,300	95,400	90,300
Total Unemployment	7,700	7,100	8,200	4,200	3,700	5,400	8,600	7,600	8,700
Percent Unemployed	9.8	9.1	10.7	10.7	9.4	13.8	9.0	8.0	9.6
Total Employment 2/	70,800	71,200	68,100	35,200	35,700	33,600	86,700	87,800	81,600
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,500	59,300	57,600				8,483.1	8,458.5	8,259.4
Total Unemployment	5,200	4,800	5,900				815.8	728.0	912.9
Percent Unemployed	8.7	8.1	10.2				9.6	8.6	11.1
Total Employment 2/	54,300	54,500	51,700				7,667.3	7,730.5	7,346.5

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June± 1987	May 1987	June 1986	June± 1987	May 1987	June 1986	June± 1987	May 1987	June 1986
			FOR TEXAS						
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 406.55	$ 410.18	$ 398.68	41.4	41.6	41.4	$ 9.82	$ 9.86	$ 9.63
Durable Goods	398.82	401.57	390.93	41.5	41.7	41.5	9.61	9.63	9.42
Lumber & Wood Products	270.52	283.31	291.21	39.9	41.0	41.9	6.78	6.91	6.95
Furniture & Fixtures	261.19	267.07	233.01	39.1	40.1	38.9	6.68	6.66	5.99
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	377.24	396.09	383.56	41.5	43.1	43.0	9.09	9.19	8.92
Primary Metal Industries	436.80	437.85	410.04	42.0	41.7	40.2	10.40	10.50	10.20
Fabricated Metal Products	357.69	369.22	356.81	40.6	41.3	40.5	8.81	8.94	8.81
Machinery, exc. Electric	419.00	420.16	415.65	41.2	41.6	41.9	10.17	10.10	9.92
Oil Field Machinery	490.32	515.66	479.12	41.1	42.9	40.5	11.93	12.02	11.83
Electric & Electronic Equip.	453.53	428.03	429.84	43.4	41.8	42.1	10.45	10.24	10.21
Transportation Equipment	524.80	533.02	514.42	43.3	43.3	42.2	12.12	12.31	12.19
Instruments & Related Prod.	358.18	357.62	340.29	40.2	40.5	39.8	8.91	8.83	8.55
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	276.80	264.50	265.99	39.6	38.5	39.7	6.99	6.87	6.70
Nondurable Goods	415.71	419.80	407.88	41.2	41.4	41.2	10.09	10.14	9.90
Food & Kindred Products	341.55	349.73	346.90	41.3	41.0	42.1	8.27	8.53	8.24
Meat Products	273.51	265.69	283.83	40.4	38.9	42.3	6.77	6.83	6.71
Malt Beverages	916.42	947.63	848.07	51.6	52.5	48.6	17.76	18.05	17.45
Textile Mill Products	330.48	312.23	298.50	45.9	44.1	42.4	7.20	7.08	7.04
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	196.56	197.47	195.98	36.0	37.4	37.4	5.46	5.28	5.24
Paper & Allied Products	443.15	452.20	442.90	41.3	42.5	43.0	10.73	10.64	10.30
Printing & Publishing	381.22	383.55	372.87	38.9	39.5	38.8	9.80	9.71	9.61
Chemicals & Allied Products	656.86	669.68	640.90	43.3	44.0	43.1	15.17	15.22	14.87
Petroleum & Coal Products	655.55	649.30	665.28	43.5	43.0	44.0	15.07	15.10	15.12
Petroleum Refining	680.16	673.81	693.30	43.6	43.0	44.3	15.60	15.67	15.65
Leather & Leather Products	219.30	221.90	212.08	41.3	41.4	38.7	5.31	5.36	5.48
Other Nondurable Goods	401.02	394.69	368.51	46.2	44.8	42.9	8.68	8.81	8.59
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	467.01	474.32	519.66	38.5	39.2	42.7	12.13	12.10	12.17
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	525.38	567.46	453.86	43.6	45.8	40.2	12.05	12.39	11.29
Oil & Gas Extraction	462.53	467.50	523.44	38.1	38.7	42.8	12.14	12.08	12.23
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	483.88	479.07	490.85	39.5	39.3	40.3	12.25	12.19	12.18
Elec., Gas & San. Services	433.94	438.18	459.10	39.2	40.2	40.7	11.07	10.90	11.28
Wholesale & Retail Trade	226.20	226.42	227.87	32.5	32.3	32.6	6.96	7.01	6.99
Wholesale Trade	382.78	385.33	382.54	39.3	39.4	39.6	9.74	9.78	9.66
Retail Trade	179.36	178.49	178.47	30.4	30.1	30.3	5.90	5.93	5.89
General Merchandise Stores	187.92	185.83	191.02	29.0	28.9	29.8	6.48	6.43	6.41
Banking	259.52	268.13	274.77	36.5	37.5	38.7	7.11	7.15	7.10

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 402.14	$ 402.41	$ 396.48	41.5	41.7	42.0	$ 9.69	$ 9.65	$ 9.44
Durable Goods	429.94	427.06	419.67	42.4	42.2	41.8	10.14	10.12	10.04
Nondurable Goods	353.03	360.67	357.44	39.8	40.8	42.3	8.87	8.84	8.45
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	401.52	409.76	405.30	42.0	41.6	42.0	9.56	9.85	9.65
Durable Goods	419.84	431.38	423.85	41.9	41.8	42.3	10.02	10.32	10.02
Nondurable Goods	356.58	356.75	355.14	42.0	41.1	41.2	8.49	8.68	8.62
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	483.04	484.40	465.09	43.4	43.6	41.6	11.13	11.11	11.18
Durable Goods	414.81	414.99	394.69	43.3	43.5	40.9	9.58	9.54	9.65
Nondurable Goods	560.26	562.83	548.66	43.6	43.8	42.4	12.85	12.85	12.94
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	307.28	309.57	300.11	39.7	40.1	40.5	7.74	7.72	7.41
Durable Goods	338.72	333.87	320.37	38.8	38.2	40.4	8.73	8.74	7.93
Nondurable Goods	276.76	284.92	280.95	40.7	41.9	40.6	6.80	6.80	6.92

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

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Wholesale and retail trade contributed 800 positions over the month -- considerably below the usual growth for this time of the year. The largest increase in June was in general merchandise stores, while the biggest decrease was in food stores, as a large grocery chain closed several stores. Automotive dealers and service stations and building materials and garden supplies recorded smaller declines. Employment in eating and drinking places, which normally increases substantially in June, was unchanged from the May level.

The most sizeable decline occurred in government, where the closing of local and state schools and colleges pushed employment down by 14,600 in June. Federal government recorded a moderate increase as summer workers were hired. Finance, insurance and real estate also suffered a decline, losing 1,200 jobs in June due primarily to a downturn in real estate.

The nondurable goods sector was responsible for the majority of the 3,200 jobs added in manufacturing over the month. Sizeable increases in nonelectrical machinery and in electric and electronic equipment were offset by a labor-management dispute which idled some 2,600 workers in the aircraft and parts segment of transportation equipment, leaving the durable goods total down by 100 in June.

Nondurable goods, on the other hand, gained 3,300 jobs, as every segment except printing and publishing and leather and leather products recorded some growth. The most significant increase occurred in apparel and other finished textile products, as laid-off workers were recalled to work, pushing employment up by 1,000. Small scattered gains were common in chemicals and allied products, and paper and allied products also recorded an increase. Seasonal activity in food and kindred products generated 800 additional jobs.

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS DECLINE

Both average weekly hours and average hourly earnings decreased between May and June, resulting in a decline in average weekly earnings for the first time since February. In mid-June, there were an estimated 615,100 manufacturing production workers in Texas, up 3,600 from the May total. The average production worker in June was worked 41.4 hours per week at $9.82 per hour, earning $406.55 a week. Average weekly hours declined by 0.2 hour in June, and average hourly earnings dropped 4¢, pushing weekly earnings down $3.63 over the month. Over the year, weekly hours were unchanged, while average hourly earnings had risen 19¢.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	June 1987	June 1986
Total Population	16,963,800	16,654,200*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.5	2.5
UI Covered Employers	315,472	312,482
Total Claims Actions	715,484	800,283
Total Initial Claims Actions	72,013	82,316
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	643,471	717,967
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$158.73	$161.03
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$92,913,259	$108,261,145
Total Placements	31,655	30,402

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JOBLESS RATE DECLINES SEASONALLY

The Texas actual jobless rate declined from 9.6 percent in June to 8.7 percent in July, as unemployment returned to May levels following the normal influx of seasonal jobseekers which swelled the ranks of the unemployed in June. Many of those new and re-entrants were able to find work over the month, while others looking for summer work may have quickly become discouraged by stiffer competition than usual and discontinued their search for work.

Actual unemployment was estimated at 753,800 in mid-July, down 62,000 from the June level and over 25,000 below the year-ago total, when the rate was 9.3 percent. Total employment in the actual series rose considerably over the month, to a level of 7,882,500 in mid-July.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	122,105.0	121,153.0	120,303.0
Unemployment	7,453.0	7,655.0	8,471.0
Percent Unemployed	6.1	6.3	7.0
Total Employment	114,652.0	113,498.0	111,832.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	119,951.0	119,517.0	118,117.0
Unemployment	7,224.0	7,260.0	8,230.0
Percent Unemployed	6.0	6.1	7.0
Total Employment	112,727.0	112,257.0	109,887.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,636.3	8,483.1	8,337.7
Unemployment	753.8	815.8	779.0
Percent Unemployed	8.7	9.6	9.3
Total Employment	7,882.5	7,667.3	7,558.7
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,456.0	8,372.0	8,155.0
Unemployment	703.0	716.0	721.0
Percent Unemployed	8.3	8.6	8.8
Total Employment	7,753.0	7,656.0	7,434.0

In the seasonally adjusted series, the State's unemployment rate has remained at about the same level for the past four months, indicating a growing stability in the Texas economy. The July 1987 rate was 8.3 percent, down slightly from June's 8.6 percent and lower than the July 1986 rate of 8.8 percent. Unemployment varied little in both series for the Nation as a whole. In the actual series, the rate slid downward from 6.3 percent in June to 6.1 percent in July; while the seasonally adjusted rate inched from 6.1 percent in June to 6.0 percent in July. Rates for the U. S. in both series were close to a full percentage point below the year-ago rates.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DROPS IN SEASONAL PATTERN

Despite several indicators of a healthier economy, the Statewide count of nonfarm salaried jobs declined by 22,100 in July due primarily to the deletion of additional jobs in schools and colleges. Most of these layoffs in July were in local schools and colleges, as the majority of state universities' auxiliary staff were dismissed for the summer in June. The sharp decline in the local sector pushed government down by 34,700 in July and erased gains made over the month in other sectors of the economy.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	July'87*	June'87**	July'86**	July'87*	June'87**	July'86**	July'87*	June'87**	July'86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	49,200	49,800	49,400	77,300	77,600	77,500	348,500	351,800	353,100
Manufacturing	4,700	4,800	4,800	9,700	9,800	10,000	39,400	39,400	40,800
Mining	2,200	2,200	2,400	1,200	1,300	1,600	900	900	1,000
Construction	2,400	2,300	2,500	4,100	4,000	4,300	19,400	19,400	23,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,600	2,600	5,600	5,500	6,300	11,200	11,100	11,300
Trade	14,200	14,200	13,800	23,300	23,000	22,900	79,800	80,000	81,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,600	4,400	4,400	4,400	25,300	25,300	25,900
Services & Misc.	12,700	12,800	13,000	16,800	16,900	16,000	84,100	83,900	83,400
Government	7,900	8,300	7,700	12,200	12,700	12,000	88,400	91,800	85,300
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	126,700	126,700	129,200	56,600	57,000	56,700	64,600	65,300	64,500
Manufacturing	24,000	24,300	25,300	15,100	15,000	15,700	9,700	9,700	9,100
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,300	1,300	1,600	100	100	100
Construction	7,300	7,200	7,100	5,800	5,800	5,700	2,700	2,700	2,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,400	9,400	10,000	2,300	2,200	2,300	3,000	3,000	3,100
Trade	31,600	31,100	32,700	11,000	11,100	11,400	17,600	17,500	18,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,400	5,700	2,100	2,100	2,100	3,400	3,400	3,400
Services & Misc.	28,300	28,300	28,100	7,900	8,100	7,600	14,300	14,300	13,900
Government	19,100	19,400	18,700	11,100	11,400	10,300	13,800	14,600	14,000
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	46,700	46,300	46,800	126,100	126,800	129,200	1,300.9	1,305.6	1,341.3
Manufacturing	3,000	3,000	3,300	11,600	11,600	12,200	223.0	223.6	228.7
Mining	900	800	800	5,600	5,600	6,600	19.1	19.2	21.1
Construction	1,900	1,900	2,400	7,400	7,400	8,500	63.5	64.1	82.7
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,700	7,000	7,000	7,300	87.2	86.6	87.4
Trade	10,800	10,800	11,200	34,300	34,100	34,500	349.8	350.2	360.5
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,800	6,900	6,800	7,000	130.9	130.9	134.7
Services & Misc.	8,000	7,800	8,000	27,000	27,000	26,600	287.9	286.5	289.8
Government	18,800	18,700	17,600	26,300	27,300	26,500	139.5	144.5	136.4
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	184,200	186,200	182,800	514,200	511,800	511,600	69,600	70,300	71,200
Manufacturing	35,300	35,200	35,900	113,500	110,700	112,900	9,100	8,900	9,400
Mining	100	100	200	3,400	3,400	3,600	400	400	500
Construction	9,700	9,600	10,200	30,500	30,200	31,900	3,300	3,200	4,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,100	10,000	9,900	27,800	27,800	26,600	4,300	4,500	4,700
Trade	45,700	45,700	45,300	133,500	133,700	137,100	14,500	14,300	14,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	10,300	10,100	9,900	29,100	28,900	28,900	4,400	4,300	4,600
Services & Misc.	36,200	36,400	35,000	115,500	114,700	111,100	13,900	13,700	13,600
Government	36,800	39,100	36,400	60,900	62,400	59,500	19,700	21,000	19,700

Perhaps the brightest spot in the Texas economy in July was construction, where 6,500 jobs were added -- the largest over-the-month increase in well over a year. Summer months are normally among the highest for employment in construction, and growth was spread through most segments of the industry. Despite this month's gain, however, construction remains over 46,000 below its year-ago level. The other sector which did surprisingly well in July was mining, which rose by 2,800 with all of the increase concentrated in oil and gas extraction. Although this industry also has a long way to go to replace all of the jobs deleted in 1986, the recent stability of higher oil prices has done much to stimulate employment in oil and gas.

All sectors of finance, insurance and real estate recorded some growth in July, for a total gain of 2,100. The largest of these increases occurred among credit agencies other than banks, while the other sectors showed smaller advances. Transportation and public utilities increased by 1,600 over the month, primarily on the strength of transportation, except railroads. This sector gained 1,200 jobs, due in part to more business in trucking and warehousing.

Seasonal hiring in automotive dealers and service stations provided the only growth in trade in July, as the industry as a whole lost 1,500 jobs. Among the scattered, moderate declines in the retail sector, the largest were in apparel and accessory stores and in food stores. Employment in trade is currently down 27,100 from the year-ago level.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	July'87*	June'87**	July'86**	July'87*	June'87**	July'86**	July'87*	June'87**	July'86**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,373.9	1,378.4	1,397.1	68,800	69,300	69,000	34,700	35,100	35,300
Manufacturing	149.1	148.7	151.9	8,800	8,700	8,800	1,900	1,900	1,800
Mining	63.4	62.5	70.5	100	100	100	2,100	2,100	1,700
Construction	84.5	82.8	94.0	3,700	3,700	4,100	1,400	1,400	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	91.9	91.5	94.9	2,600	2,600	2,900	4,100	3,900	4,000
Trade	348.6	349.5	359.4	16,400	16,400	16,400	9,700	9,700	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	99.6	100.1	105.3	2,900	3,000	3,200	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	354.6	354.0	340.6	14,500	14,600	13,900	6,000	6,100	6,100
Government	182.2	189.3	180.5	19,800	20,200	19,600	7,900	8,400	8,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	64,000	64,000	65,200	89,000	88,900	90,300	86,400	88,200	85,400
Manufacturing	14,900	15,000	15,300	7,200	7,400	7,500	12,600	13,000	12,000
Mining	3,600	3,600	3,700	300	300	300	1,000	1,000	1,100
Construction	2,900	3,000	3,200	2,900	2,900	4,100	4,400	4,300	4,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,200	4,600	4,600	4,600	2,800	2,900	2,800
Trade	16,900	16,800	17,400	27,500	27,600	27,900	25,500	25,800	25,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	3,100	3,300	5,400	5,400	5,500	3,800	3,800	4,000
Services & Misc.	11,300	11,200	11,200	20,800	20,800	20,400	13,700	13,700	13,700
Government	8,300	8,200	7,900	20,300	19,900	20,000	22,600	23,700	22,000
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	43,200	43,800	44,300	43,200	44,400	43,300	36,100	36,700	36,400
Manufacturing	2,900	3,000	3,200	3,700	3,700	3,900	5,800	5,700	5,700
Mining	8,800	8,700	9,400	6,400	6,400	6,300	600	600	600
Construction	1,600	1,600	1,700	2,400	2,400	2,600	1,900	1,900	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,200	2,200	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,000	3,100	3,300
Trade	10,600	10,700	10,600	13,200	13,300	13,100	9,200	9,300	9,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,900	1,600	1,600	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,700
Services & Misc.	8,500	8,800	8,800	7,200	7,400	7,200	7,700	7,800	7,700
Government	6,000	6,100	5,500	6,700	7,600	6,500	6,100	6,500	6,100
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	490,100	494,100	494,100	37,700	37,900	37,300	45,000	45,300	45,000
Manufacturing	45,800	46,600	49,300	11,300	11,300	11,600	7,200	7,200	7,100
Mining	2,600	2,600	2,700	100	100	200	--	--	--
Construction	31,800	30,800	36,400	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,600	1,500	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,200	18,000	18,800	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,700	1,700	1,900
Trade	131,000	131,300	129,600	8,700	8,800	8,400	11,300	11,400	11,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	39,600	39,400	38,900	1,500	1,500	1,600	1,800	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	118,800	118,100	115,700	7,300	7,300	6,900	9,200	9,300	9,000
Government	102,300	107,300	102,700	4,900	5,000	4,700	12,200	12,300	11,800
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
TOTAL	60,300	60,700	62,100	27,900	27,800	28,400	76,600	77,500	76,600
Manufacturing	10,900	10,800	11,700	2,900	3,100	3,000	15,000	15,000	15,300
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,800	1,700	1,800	100	100	200
Construction	2,700	2,700	3,100	2,000	2,000	2,100	3,900	3,900	4,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,900	1,400	1,500	1,500	3,400	3,400	3,500
Trade	16,200	16,300	16,600	8,000	7,700	8,200	19,100	19,200	18,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,700	3,900	1,500	1,500	1,600	4,800	4,800	4,900
Services & Misc.	13,600	13,500	13,500	5,900	5,900	6,000	18,800	18,700	18,600
Government	8,600	9,000	8,400	4,400	4,400	4,200	11,500	12,400	11,200
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	50,100	50,400	50,100						
Manufacturing	8,200	8,300	8,100						
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,100						
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,300						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,700						
Trade	12,600	12,500	12,200						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,400	2,500						
Services & Misc.	11,100	11,100	11,000						
Government	9,200	9,500	9,200						

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	July 1987*	June 1987**	July 1986**	Change From June 1987	Change From July 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,466,000	6,488,100	6,549,600	-22,100	-83,600
Manufacturing	954,400	952,200	955,600	2,200	-1,200
Durable Goods	553,400	551,000	554,600	2,400	-1,200
Lumber & Wood Products	35,700	37,100	38,100	-1,400	-2,400
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,500	7,500	6,900	-1,000	-400
Furniture & Fixtures	17,400	17,200	17,200	200	200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	44,700	44,700	48,300	0	-3,600
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	19,200	19,400	21,900	-200	-2,700
Primary Metal Industries	28,000	28,100	27,700	-100	300
Fabricated Metal Industries	75,200	75,100	76,300	100	-1,100
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	37,100	37,300	38,800	-200	-1,700
Machinery, Except Electrical	103,400	103,900	107,800	-500	-4,400
Oil Field Machinery	23,600	23,900	27,000	-300	-3,400
Electric & Electronic Equipment	122,600	122,100	120,900	500	1,700
Transportation Equipment	92,000	88,000	84,000	4,000	8,000
Aircraft & Parts	53,000	49,500	46,300	3,500	6,700
Instruments & Related Products	22,000	21,900	22,100	100	-100
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,400	12,900	12,200	-500	200
Nondurable Goods	401,000	401,200	401,000	-200	0
Food & Kindred Products	96,600	97,100	96,900	-500	-300
Meat Products	27,100	27,800	27,100	-700	0
Dairy Products	5,000	5,000	5,100	0	-100
Bakery Products	10,400	10,500	10,800	-100	-400
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
Textile Mill Products	4,200	4,200	4,000	0	200
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	50,800	50,800	51,500	0	-700
Paper & Allied Products	24,000	24,300	22,900	-300	1,100
Printing & Publishing	76,200	75,800	76,900	400	-700
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,600	38,100	39,000	500	-400
Chemicals & Allied Products	74,500	74,200	75,100	300	-600
Petroleum & Coal Products	32,800	33,000	34,300	-200	-1,500
Petroleum Refining	29,600	29,700	31,100	-100	-1,500
Leather & Leather Products	7,200	7,100	7,000	100	200
Other Nondurable Goods	34,700	34,700	32,400	0	2,300
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,511,600	5,535,900	5,594,000	-24,300	-82,400
Mining	193,200	190,400	201,700	2,800	-8,500
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,400	10,500	10,800	-100	-400
Oil & Gas Extraction	182,800	179,900	190,900	2,900	-8,100
Construction	372,600	366,100	419,200	6,500	-46,600
Transportation & Public Utilities	380,500	378,900	376,600	1,600	3,900
Railroad Transportation	20,800	20,800	22,000	0	-1,200
Transportation, Except Railroads	197,900	196,700	189,700	1,200	8,200
Transportation by Air	55,900	56,000	48,800	-100	7,100
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	85,000	84,800	87,600	200	-2,600
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,800	76,600	77,300	200	-500
Electric Services	42,200	42,300	43,300	-100	-1,100
Gas Production & Distribution	27,300	27,100	26,800	200	500
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,658,600	1,660,100	1,685,700	-1,500	-27,100
Wholesale Trade	411,700	412,000	426,100	-300	-14,400
Retail Trade	1,246,900	1,248,100	1,259,600	-1,200	-12,700
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	44,700	45,200	48,400	-500	-3,700
General Merchandise Stores	168,000	168,100	161,300	-100	6,700
Food Stores	232,400	233,000	233,200	-600	-800
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	133,400	131,700	138,500	1,700	-5,100
Apparel & Accessory Stores	78,600	79,500	80,500	-900	-1,900
Eating & Drinking Places	406,600	407,000	408,900	-400	-2,300
Other Retail Trade	183,200	183,600	188,800	-400	-5,600
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	442,600	440,500	452,200	2,100	-9,600
Banking	96,900	96,600	104,400	300	-7,500
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	137,700	137,100	137,200	600	500
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	208,000	206,800	210,600	1,200	-2,600
Services	1,377,300	1,378,400	1,381,600	-1,100	-4,300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	86,900	87,000	90,500	-100	-3,600
Personal Services	81,400	81,400	81,200	0	200
Business & Repair Services	361,800	360,100	373,200	1,700	-11,400
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	52,600	53,400	61,300	-800	-8,700
Health Services	389,400	389,600	373,800	-200	15,600
Educational Services	61,800	63,500	58,600	-1,700	3,200
Other Services & Miscellaneous	343,400	343,400	343,000	0	400
Total Government	1,086,800	1,121,500	1,077,000	-34,700	9,800
Total Federal Government	196,300	195,800	191,700	500	4,600
Total State Government	236,800	234,800	224,500	2,000	12,300
Total Local Government	653,700	690,900	660,800	-37,200	-7,100

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	July'87*	June'87**	July'86**	July'87*	June'87**	July'86**	July'87*	June'87**	July'86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,800	56,900	55,700	106,000	103,300	100,300	444,200	438,000	422,500
Total Unemployment	4,900	5,400	5,700	7,000	7,400	7,000	30,700	32,900	24,600
Percent Unemployed	8.5	9.5	10.2	6.6	7.2	7.0	6.9	7.5	5.8
Total Employment 2/	52,900	51,500	50,000	99,000	95,900	93,300	413,500	405,100	397,900
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	169,100	166,700	166,800	86,100	84,400	82,200	100,400	98,900	95,800
Total Unemployment	22,100	24,300	25,500	8,900	9,400	9,800	14,600	15,300	15,500
Percent Unemployed	13.1	14.6	15.3	10.3	11.1	11.9	14.5	15.5	16.2
Total Employment 2/	147,000	142,400	141,300	77,200	75,000	72,400	85,800	83,600	80,300
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,400	57,600	57,600	171,900	170,900	168,600	1,488.8	1,454.5	1,443.9
Total Unemployment	3,700	4,000	4,300	20,600	23,400	21,300	99.7	106.2	84.1
Percent Unemployed	6.2	6.9	7.5	12.0	13.7	12.6	6.7	7.3	5.8
Total Employment 2/	55,700	53,600	53,300	151,300	147,500	147,300	1,389.1	1,348.3	1,359.8
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	241,700	239,000	229,000	711,300	693,000	668,200	113,500	112,100	110,600
Total Unemployment	26,500	29,200	27,400	53,500	56,600	46,000	12,700	14,100	12,700
Percent Unemployed	11.0	12.2	12.0	7.5	8.2	6.9	11.2	12.6	11.5
Total Employment 2/	215,200	209,800	201,600	657,800	636,400	622,200	100,800	98,000	97,900
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,682.2	1,653.0	1,645.2	97,800	95,600	91,500	47,300	47,000	45,200
Total Unemployment	156.6	172.2	181.6	7,700	8,300	7,400	7,100	7,900	7,400
Percent Unemployed	9.3	10.4	11.0	7.9	8.7	8.1	15.0	16.8	16.4
Total Employment 2/	1,525.6	1,480.8	1,463.6	90,100	87,300	84,100	40,200	39,100	37,800
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	83,700	82,000	82,800	115,700	112,300	112,100	147,700	148,900	140,800
Total Unemployment	9,300	10,000	11,300	7,900	8,200	7,800	26,600	25,700	26,400
Percent Unemployed	11.1	12.2	13.6	6.8	7.3	7.0	18.0	17.3	18.8
Total Employment 2/	74,400	72,000	71,500	107,800	104,100	104,300	121,100	123,200	114,400
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,400	52,900	53,400	58,300	58,700	60,800	47,600	46,900	46,400
Total Unemployment	4,900	5,600	6,800	6,200	7,400	11,100	3,000	3,200	3,800
Percent Unemployed	9.2	10.6	12.7	10.6	12.6	18.3	6.3	6.8	8.2
Total Employment 2/	48,500	47,300	46,600	52,100	51,300	49,700	44,600	43,700	42,600
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	627,100	615,100	591,400	51,500	50,200	49,000	59,500	58,600	58,100
Total Unemployment	52,200	56,000	43,300	4,100	4,300	4,000	5,000	5,500	5,300
Percent Unemployed	8.3	9.1	7.3	8.0	8.6	8.2	8.4	9.4	9.1
Total Employment 2/	574,900	559,100	548,100	47,400	45,900	45,000	54,500	53,100	52,800
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,600	79,000	77,200	40,200	39,300	39,300	96,600	95,300	91,100
Total Unemployment	7,300	7,800	6,800	3,500	4,100	4,600	7,900	8,500	7,500
Percent Unemployed	9.1	9.9	8.8	8.7	10.4	11.7	8.2	8.9	8.2
Total Employment 2/	73,300	71,200	70,400	36,700	35,200	34,700	88,700	86,800	83,600
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	60,200	59,500	58,100				8,636.3	8,483.1	8,337.7
Total Unemployment	4,600	5,200	5,000				753.8	815.8	779.0
Percent Unemployed	7.6	8.7	8.6				8.7	9.6	9.3
Total Employment 2/	55,600	54,300	53,100				7,882.5	7,667.3	7,558.7

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July± 1987	June 1987	July 1986	July± 1987	June 1987	July 1986	July± 1987	June 1987	July 1986
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 407.47	$ 406.39	$ 397.85	41.2	41.3	41.1	$ 9.89	$ 9.84	$ 9.68
Durable Goods	396.20	397.85	385.28	41.1	41.4	40.9	9.64	9.61	9.42
Lumber & Wood Products	275.60	272.40	286.62	40.0	40.0	41.3	6.89	6.81	6.94
Furniture & Fixtures	253.49	260.13	230.43	38.7	39.0	37.9	6.55	6.67	6.08
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	393.33	371.28	391.61	42.8	40.8	44.2	9.19	9.10	8.86
Primary Metal Industries	442.26	439.95	417.15	42.0	42.1	40.5	10.53	10.45	10.30
Fabricated Metal Products	368.40	361.08	354.89	41.3	40.8	40.1	8.92	8.85	8.85
Machinery, exc. Electric	411.07	417.77	409.59	40.7	41.2	41.0	10.10	10.14	9.99
Oil Field Machinery	468.86	489.09	452.35	40.7	41.1	38.4	11.52	11.90	11.78
Electric & Electronic Equip.	439.52	451.74	407.03	41.7	42.9	40.3	10.54	10.53	10.10
Transportation Equipment	493.64	519.36	505.06	41.0	43.1	41.5	12.04	12.05	12.17
Instruments & Related Prod.	358.00	358.67	319.35	40.0	40.3	38.2	8.95	8.90	8.36
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	272.14	274.53	266.12	39.1	39.5	40.2	6.96	6.95	6.62
Nondurable Goods	421.67	417.36	412.82	41.3	41.2	41.2	10.21	10.13	10.02
Food & Kindred Products	350.22	348.19	342.76	41.3	41.6	41.8	8.48	8.37	8.20
Meat Products	283.56	273.08	274.96	40.8	40.1	41.1	6.95	6.81	6.69
Malt Beverages	940.12	839.45	860.31	52.2	47.4	49.5	18.01	17.71	17.38
Textile Mill Products	323.10	330.02	290.25	45.0	45.9	43.0	7.18	7.19	6.75
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	195.98	198.20	193.04	36.7	36.3	36.7	5.34	5.46	5.26
Paper & Allied Products	460.89	440.02	445.17	42.4	41.2	42.6	10.87	10.68	10.45
Printing & Publishing	385.14	379.46	378.85	39.3	38.8	39.3	9.80	9.78	9.64
Chemicals & Allied Products	662.49	656.43	652.94	43.3	43.3	43.5	15.30	15.16	15.01
Petroleum & Coal Products	670.70	657.72	677.38	44.3	43.5	43.9	15.14	15.12	15.43
Petroleum Refining	697.52	683.39	706.76	44.4	43.5	44.2	15.71	15.71	15.99
Leather & Leather Products	228.17	229.37	217.49	40.1	40.1	38.7	5.69	5.72	5.62
Other Nondurable Goods	395.60	401.77	377.14	44.3	45.5	43.6	8.93	8.83	8.65
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	499.15	460.08	521.51	41.7	38.5	43.1	11.97	11.95	12.10
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	546.43	528.09	481.31	44.9	43.5	41.6	12.17	12.14	11.57
Oil & Gas Extraction	495.93	456.11	524.45	41.5	38.2	43.2	11.95	11.94	12.14
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	500.45	501.70	482.80	40.1	40.2	40.0	12.48	12.48	12.07
Elec., Gas & San. Services	434.98	436.95	444.44	39.4	39.4	41.0	11.04	11.09	10.84
Wholesale & Retail Trade	229.55	227.83	229.23	32.7	32.5	32.7	7.02	7.01	7.01
Wholesale Trade	380.44	383.96	383.50	38.9	39.3	39.7	9.78	9.77	9.66
Retail Trade	184.18	181.48	180.27	30.8	30.5	30.4	5.98	5.95	5.93
General Merchandise Stores	192.16	189.44	197.40	29.7	29.1	30.7	6.47	6.51	6.43
Banking	248.87	258.80	264.33	35.3	36.4	37.6	7.05	7.11	7.03

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 400.88	$ 401.99	$ 393.76	41.2	41.4	41.8	$ 9.73	$ 9.71	$ 9.42
Durable Goods	432.48	430.78	415.58	42.4	42.4	41.6	10.20	10.16	9.99
Nondurable Goods	347.31	353.33	356.59	39.2	39.7	42.1	8.86	8.90	8.47
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	394.13	398.94	400.06	40.8	41.6	41.5	9.66	9.59	9.64
Durable Goods	408.43	419.67	418.84	40.2	41.8	41.8	10.16	10.04	10.02
Nondurable Goods	357.85	352.67	351.74	42.1	41.2	40.9	8.50	8.56	8.60
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	478.16	481.31	469.54	43.0	43.4	41.7	11.12	11.09	11.26
Durable Goods	410.22	410.40	395.09	43.0	43.2	40.9	9.54	9.50	9.66
Nondurable Goods	552.98	561.11	559.40	42.9	43.7	42.8	12.89	12.84	13.07
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	309.25	310.82	297.94	39.8	39.9	40.1	7.77	7.79	7.43
Durable Goods	339.70	346.42	313.97	39.5	39.5	39.1	8.60	8.77	8.03
Nondurable Goods	277.89	274.57	282.77	40.1	40.2	41.1	6.93	6.83	6.88

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Services declined seasonally in July, as 1,100 jobs were deleted. A sizeable seasonal increase in business and repair services was nullified by an equal-sized decrease in educational services, and minor losses occurred in most other sectors.

The durable goods portion of manufacturing continued expansion over the month, pushing the manufacturing total up by 2,200 despite a small loss in nondurable goods. The settlement of a labor-management dispute which had idled thousands of workers in the aircraft and parts portion of transportation equipment was the strongest force affecting the factory job count in July. The return of these workers, along with hiring by other defense contractors, pushed transportation equipment up by 4,000 over the month.

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A smaller advance occurred in electric and electronic equipment in July, as 500 jobs were added. Offsetting these increases was a loss of 1,400 in lumber and wood products, caused by the slowdown in construction during the past year. Smaller losses were scattered throughout other durable goods sectors. Minor losses in nondurable goods left that sector down 200 over the month. The largest increase occurred in printing and publishing, which gained 400 positions; and the largest loss was in the meat products portion of food and kindred products, which declined by 500 in July.

WEEKLY HOURS DROP, HOURLY EARNINGS RISE

In mid-July, there were an estimated 613,100 manufacturing production workers in Texas, down 800 from the June total. The average production worker in July worked 41.2 hours per week at $9.89 an hour. Average weekly hours declined by 0.1 hour over the month, while average hourly earnings rose by $0.05, thereby creating a boost in average weekly earnings of $1.08 between June and July. In comparison with one year ago, average weekly hours and average hourly earnings were up by 0.1 and $0.21, respectively, resulting in an increase in average weekly earnings of $9.62.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	July 1987	July 1986
Total Population	16,989,600	16,680,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.3	2.6
UI Covered Employers	315,616	314,621
Total Claims Actions	714,860	902,729
Total Initial Claims Actions	71,796	92,920
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	643,064	809,809
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$157.24	$160.62
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$94,008,741	$120,951,815
Total Placements	31,243	35,216

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UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS SLIGHTLY

Statewide unemployment in the actual series declined by 43,700 between July and August, pushing the unemployment rate down from 8.7 percent in July to 8.3 percent in August. The current rate was almost a full percentage point below the year-ago rate of 9.1 percent and was the lowest rate recorded by Texas since April. Total employment declined modestly over the month, to a level of 7,880,000 in mid-August.

Much of the moderate drop in unemployment over the month was the result of unsuccessful summer job seekers leaving the labor force to return to school. The number of Texans who lost or left their last job also decreased in August, indicating a growing stability in the Texas economy. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the State was virtually unchanged over the month, inching upward from 8.3 percent in July to 8.4 percent in August. The seasonally adjusted rate was also close to a percentage point below the year-ago rate. The National rate in the seasonally adjusted series was unchanged in August, at 6.0 percent, while the actual U. S. rate dropped from 6.1 to 5.8 percent -- its lowest level since December 1979.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Aug. 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	121,615.0	122,105.0	119,470.0
Unemployment	7,088.0	7,453.0	7,955.0
Percent Unemployed	5.8	6.1	6.7
Total Employment	114,527.0	114,652.0	111,515.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	120,302.0	119,951.0	118,124.0
Unemployment	7,221.0	7,224.0	8,057.0
Percent Unemployed	6.0	6.0	6.8
Total Employment	113,081.0	112,727.0	110,067.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,590.1	8,636.3	8,186.5
Unemployment	710.1	753.8	745.2
Percent Unemployed	8.3	8.7	9.1
Total Employment	7,880.0	7,882.5	7,441.3
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,546.0	8,456.0	8,142.0
Unemployment	718.0	703.0	752.0
Percent Unemployed	8.4	8.3	9.2
Total Employment	7,828.0	7,753.0	7,390.0

SEASONAL LAYOFFS PUSH NONFARM JOBS TOTAL DOWN

Despite encouraging growth in manufacturing and in construction, the Statewide count of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs declined by 7,500 between July and August due to seasonal factors. The mid-August nonfarm salaried jobs total was 6,466,500, still 56,100 below the year-ago total. Seasonal activity also accounted for much of the over-the-month growth in trade and construction.

The largest losses occurred in government, as summer recreational programs wound down and remaining maintenance workers were released by schools. The local sector showed the biggest downturn, as 7,900 jobs were deleted. State government recorded 3,300 layoffs, as temporary summer workers left to return to school. Federal government declined by 1,000, for a total decrease of 12,200 within the government sector.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Aug.'87*	July'87**	Aug.'86**	Aug.'87*	July'87**	Aug.'86**	Aug.'87*	July'87**	Aug.'86**
		ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN	
TOTAL	49,100	49,300	48,900	77,600	77,400	77,500	347,300	348,500	351,200
Manufacturing	4,800	4,700	4,800	9,800	9,800	9,800	39,700	39,400	40,600
Mining	2,200	2,200	2,300	1,200	1,200	1,400	900	900	1,000
Construction	2,300	2,400	2,500	4,300	4,100	4,400	19,500	19,400	23,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,400	2,500	2,500	5,700	5,700	6,200	11,200	11,200	11,200
Trade	14,200	14,200	13,800	23,400	23,200	23,100	79,500	79,900	81,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,600	4,300	4,400	4,400	25,200	25,300	25,800
Services & Misc.	12,800	12,800	12,800	16,600	16,800	16,100	83,900	84,100	83,400
Government	7,800	7,900	7,600	12,300	12,200	12,100	87,400	88,300	84,300
		BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN	
TOTAL	126,800	126,800	128,600	56,500	56,400	56,500	64,600	64,100	64,900
Manufacturing	23,900	24,000	25,200	14,900	15,000	15,700	9,900	9,700	9,700
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,500	1,300	1,400	1,400	100	100	100
Construction	7,500	7,400	7,300	5,800	5,800	5,700	2,700	2,700	2,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,500	9,500	10,100	2,200	2,300	2,300	3,200	3,100	3,300
Trade	31,600	31,600	32,400	11,200	11,000	11,500	17,500	17,400	17,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,700	2,200	2,200	2,100	3,300	3,400	3,400
Services & Misc.	28,500	28,400	28,000	8,000	7,900	7,600	14,400	14,300	13,800
Government	18,700	18,800	18,400	10,900	10,800	10,200	13,500	13,400	13,900
		BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/	
TOTAL	46,200	46,900	46,400	124,100	125,900	128,800	1,300.2	1,301.5	1,337.4
Manufacturing	3,000	3,000	3,200	11,500	11,600	12,000	222.9	222.8	228.1
Mining	800	900	800	5,300	5,600	6,400	19.0	19.1	20.7
Construction	2,100	2,000	2,200	7,300	7,400	9,100	63.0	63.6	82.2
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,700	7,500	7,000	7,300	87.3	87.3	87.3
Trade	10,800	10,800	11,200	34,300	34,200	34,500	351.2	350.5	359.4
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,800	6,800	6,800	7,000	130.1	130.8	134.8
Services & Misc.	8,000	8,100	8,000	25,400	27,000	26,300	288.0	288.1	288.6
Government	18,200	18,800	17,500	26,000	26,300	26,200	138.7	139.3	136.3
		EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY	
TOTAL	185,900	184,400	184,000	516,900	515,500	512,300	70,400	69,900	71,900
Manufacturing	36,800	35,500	36,600	115,200	113,700	113,800	8,900	9,100	9,400
Mining	100	100	200	3,400	3,400	3,600	400	400	500
Construction	9,900	9,900	10,200	31,200	30,700	31,700	3,300	3,400	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,000	10,100	9,900	28,200	27,900	26,700	4,400	4,400	4,700
Trade	45,900	45,600	45,500	133,900	134,100	137,600	14,400	14,500	14,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	10,200	10,200	9,800	29,300	29,300	28,900	4,400	4,400	4,600
Services & Misc.	36,500	36,400	35,100	115,200	115,400	111,600	14,000	14,000	13,600
Government	36,500	36,600	36,700	60,500	61,000	58,400	20,600	19,700	20,600

Employers in services cut 4,600 positions over the month, as summer influences waned. The winding down of summer recreational programs sponsored by civic groups was responsible for a large portion of the 3,400 drop in other services and miscellaneous and temporary help agencies also deleted jobs. The largest upturn within services was in health services -- the industry sector which has created the largest number of jobs during the past year -- as doctors added positions to assist in back-to-school physicals and new nursing and personal care facilities were opened.

The downturn in finance, insurance and real estate continued in August, as this sector lost 1,300 jobs. Declines occurred in both banking and in the other finance, insurance and real estate sector, where real estate activity sagged. The upward momentum of the past few months within mining was curtailed in August, as this sector experienced small decreases.

Seasonal influences helped trade between July and August, as employment rose in general merchandise stores in anticipation of back-to-school buying. Eating and drinking places also increased fairly substantially over the month. Despite some smaller declines in other sectors, trade rose by 2,600 in August. The normal summer acceleration of construction activity helped boost employment by 2,100 over the month, but these moderate seasonal increases are unlikely to pull this industry out of its slump.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Aug.'87*	July'87**	Aug.'86**	Aug.'87*	July'87**	Aug.'86**	Aug.'87*	July'87**	Aug.'86**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,369.9	1,374.2	1,387.6	69,000	69,100	68,300	34,500	34,900	35,000
Manufacturing	150.4	149.6	150.4	8,800	8,800	8,900	2,000	1,900	1,900
Mining	63.9	63.5	68.3	100	100	100	2,200	2,200	1,800
Construction	84.3	84.5	93.6	3,800	3,800	3,800	1,200	1,400	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	90.7	91.6	93.8	2,600	2,600	2,900	4,000	4,100	3,900
Trade	348.7	349.1	359.1	16,500	16,400	16,400	9,800	9,700	10,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	98.6	99.5	104.7	3,000	2,900	3,200	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	353.5	355.3	339.3	14,400	14,600	13,700	6,000	6,000	6,000
Government	179.8	181.1	178.4	19,800	19,900	19,300	7,700	8,000	7,900
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	64,000	64,000	65,100	89,300	89,000	90,500	86,600	86,600	85,200
Manufacturing	15,000	14,900	15,200	7,200	7,200	7,700	12,400	12,500	11,500
Mining	3,600	3,600	3,700	300	300	300	1,000	1,000	1,100
Construction	2,900	2,900	3,100	2,900	2,900	4,000	4,400	4,400	4,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,100	4,400	4,500	4,600	2,900	2,900	2,800
Trade	17,100	17,100	17,600	27,700	27,500	27,800	25,700	25,700	25,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	3,000	3,300	5,500	5,500	5,600	3,800	3,800	3,900
Services & Misc.	11,300	11,300	11,200	21,000	20,800	20,500	13,700	13,600	13,800
Government	8,100	8,100	7,900	20,300	20,300	20,000	22,700	22,700	22,200
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	43,200	43,500	43,900	43,200	43,400	42,800	36,200	36,100	36,600
Manufacturing	2,900	2,900	3,100	3,700	3,700	3,800	6,000	5,800	5,700
Mining	8,600	8,800	9,400	6,300	6,400	6,100	600	600	600
Construction	1,600	1,600	1,700	2,400	2,400	2,500	1,800	1,900	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,200	2,100	2,100	2,100	3,000	3,000	3,300
Trade	10,800	10,800	10,500	13,200	13,300	13,100	9,300	9,200	9,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,900	1,600	1,600	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,700
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,800	8,800	7,300	7,200	7,100	7,700	7,700	7,800
Government	5,700	5,800	5,300	6,600	6,700	6,400	6,000	6,100	5,900
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	492,500	491,700	490,600	37,800	37,700	37,700	45,000	45,000	45,100
Manufacturing	46,200	46,000	48,600	11,300	11,300	11,400	7,200	7,200	7,300
Mining	2,500	2,600	2,700	100	100	200	--	--	--
Construction	32,800	31,900	36,200	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,600	1,600	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,200	18,200	18,600	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,700	1,700	1,800
Trade	132,800	131,900	129,800	8,800	8,800	8,700	11,300	11,200	11,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	39,500	39,600	38,600	1,400	1,500	1,600	1,900	1,800	1,900
Services & Misc.	117,900	118,200	114,400	7,500	7,300	7,100	9,200	9,300	8,900
Government	102,600	103,300	101,700	4,800	4,800	4,800	12,100	12,200	11,900
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
TOTAL	60,000	60,200	60,900	27,900	28,000	28,600	76,200	76,600	76,300
Manufacturing	10,900	10,900	11,100	3,000	2,900	3,100	15,000	14,800	15,200
Mining	2,000	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,800	2,000	100	100	200
Construction	2,700	2,700	3,000	1,900	2,000	2,000	4,000	3,900	4,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,700	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,300	3,400	3,500
Trade	16,200	16,300	16,600	7,900	8,000	8,200	19,200	19,300	18,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,800	1,500	1,500	1,600	4,800	4,800	4,900
Services & Misc.	13,600	13,600	13,500	5,900	5,900	6,000	18,700	18,800	18,700
Government	8,300	8,400	8,300	4,300	4,400	4,200	11,100	11,500	10,900
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	50,000	50,000	50,100						
Manufacturing	8,300	8,200	8,300						
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,100						
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,200						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,700						
Trade	12,500	12,500	12,200						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,400	2,500						
Services & Misc.	11,100	11,100	11,100						
Government	9,100	9,200	9,000						

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2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Aug. 1987*	July 1987**	Aug. 1986**	Change From July 1987	Change From Aug. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,466,500	6,474,000	6,522,600	-7,500	-56,100
Manufacturing	961,900	956,400	956,500	5,500	5,400
Durable Goods	558,100	554,200	554,700	3,900	3,400
Lumber & Wood Products	36,500	36,400	37,900	100	-1,400
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,000	7,100	7,000	-100	0
Furniture & Fixtures	17,800	17,400	17,600	400	200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	44,800	44,700	47,800	100	-3,000
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	19,200	19,200	21,800	0	-2,600
Primary Metal Industries	28,500	28,000	28,400	500	100
Fabricated Metal Industries	75,900	75,200	76,400	700	-500
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	37,300	37,000	38,800	300	-1,500
Machinery, Except Electrical	104,400	103,500	106,900	900	-2,500
Oil Field Machinery	24,200	23,700	26,100	500	-1,900
Electric & Electronic Equipment	122,800	122,600	120,300	200	2,500
Transportation Equipment	92,700	91,900	84,500	800	8,200
Aircraft & Parts	53,400	53,000	47,300	400	6,100
Instruments & Related Products	22,100	22,000	21,900	100	200
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,600	12,500	13,000	100	-400
Nondurable Goods	403,800	402,200	401,800	1,600	2,000
Food & Kindred Products	98,200	97,700	98,400	500	-200
Meat Products	28,000	28,000	27,600	0	400
Dairy Products	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0
Bakery Products	10,700	10,700	10,900	0	-200
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,000	0	100
Textile Mill Products	4,300	4,300	4,000	0	300
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	51,400	50,700	51,500	700	-100
Paper & Allied Products	24,000	23,900	22,800	100	1,200
Printing & Publishing	76,300	76,100	76,400	200	-100
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,600	38,600	38,600	0	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	74,200	74,500	74,500	-300	-300
Petroleum & Coal Products	32,800	33,000	34,200	-200	-1,400
Petroleum Refining	29,500	29,700	30,800	-200	-1,300
Leather & Leather Products	7,300	7,200	7,200	100	100
Other Nondurable Goods	35,300	34,800	32,800	500	2,500
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,504,600	5,517,600	5,566,100	-13,000	-61,500
Mining	192,100	192,700	195,600	-600	-3,500
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,200	10,400	10,800	-200	-600
Oil & Gas Extraction	181,900	182,300	184,800	-400	-2,900
Construction	375,300	373,200	416,200	2,100	-40,900
Transportation & Public Utilities	381,900	380,900	375,100	1,000	6,800
Railroad Transportation	20,800	20,800	22,000	0	-1,200
Transportation, Except Railroads	199,700	198,400	189,500	1,300	10,200
Transportation by Air	57,100	56,700	49,400	400	7,700
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	85,000	85,100	86,700	-100	-1,700
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,400	76,600	76,900	-200	-500
Electric Services	41,900	42,000	43,200	-100	-1,300
Gas Production & Distribution	27,300	27,300	26,500	0	800
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,663,800	1,661,200	1,686,700	2,600	-22,900
Wholesale Trade	413,700	412,100	423,900	1,600	-10,200
Retail Trade	1,250,100	1,249,100	1,262,800	1,000	-12,700
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	44,400	44,800	47,500	-400	-3,100
General Merchandise Stores	171,200	169,100	162,900	2,100	8,300
Food Stores	233,100	233,800	234,000	-700	-900
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	132,700	133,400	138,200	-700	-5,500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	77,400	77,500	82,000	-100	-4,600
Eating & Drinking Places	407,600	406,500	408,800	1,100	-1,200
Other Retail Trade	183,700	184,000	189,400	-300	-5,700
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	440,000	441,300	451,700	-1,300	-11,700
Banking	96,300	96,700	103,500	-400	-7,200
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	137,700	137,700	137,200	0	500
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	206,000	206,900	211,000	-900	-5,000
Services	1,374,300	1,378,900	1,374,600	-4,600	-300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	86,000	86,700	89,600	-700	-3,600
Personal Services	80,800	81,400	80,700	-600	100
Business & Repair Services	361,000	362,400	371,100	-1,400	-10,100
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	52,500	52,500	60,300	0	-7,800
Health Services	391,400	390,000	375,700	1,400	15,700
Educational Services	62,500	62,400	59,700	100	2,800
Other Services & Miscellaneous	340,100	343,500	337,500	-3,400	2,600
Total Government	1,077,200	1,089,400	1,066,200	-12,200	11,000
Total Federal Government	195,100	196,100	191,600	-1,000	3,500
Total State Government	233,600	236,900	220,200	-3,300	13,400
Total Local Government	648,500	656,400	654,400	-7,900	-5,900

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Aug.'87*	July'87**	Aug.'86**	Aug.'87*	July'87**	Aug.'86**	Aug.'87*	July'87**	Aug.'86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,100	57,600	54,800	105,600	105,400	99,200	442,900	444,800	414,900
Total Unemployment	4,500	4,900	5,400	6,800	7,000	6,600	29,600	30,700	23,900
Percent Unemployed	7.9	8.5	9.9	6.4	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.9	5.8
Total Employment 2/	52,600	52,700	49,400	98,800	98,400	92,600	413,300	414,100	391,000
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	167,100	168,500	163,600	85,300	85,600	80,900	99,300	99,600	95,000
Total Unemployment	20,600	22,100	23,900	8,200	8,900	9,300	13,600	14,600	14,200
Percent Unemployed	12.3	13.1	14.6	9.6	10.4	11.5	13.7	14.7	14.9
Total Employment 2/	146,500	146,400	139,700	77,100	76,700	71,600	85,700	85,000	80,800
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	58,600	59,600	56,200	169,900	172,200	164,700	1,487.6	1,492.6	1,413.4
Total Unemployment	3,300	3,700	3,800	19,000	20,600	20,200	95.8	100.1	80.8
Percent Unemployed	5.6	6.2	6.8	11.2	12.0	12.3	6.4	6.7	5.7
Total Employment 2/	55,300	55,900	52,400	150,900	151,600	144,500	1,391.8	1,392.5	1,332.6
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	242,400	242,000	225,600	712,200	714,100	655,700	114,400	113,800	109,300
Total Unemployment	25,500	26,600	25,100	50,100	53,900	43,100	12,500	12,700	12,100
Percent Unemployed	10.5	11.0	11.1	7.0	7.5	6.6	10.9	11.2	11.1
Total Employment 2/	216,900	215,400	200,500	662,100	660,200	612,600	101,900	101,100	97,200
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,662.3	1,675.7	1,618.7	97,000	97,500	90,000	46,100	47,000	44,400
Total Unemployment	146.5	156.1	176.3	7,500	7,800	7,000	6,600	7,100	7,200
Percent Unemployed	8.8	9.3	10.9	7.7	8.0	7.8	14.3	15.1	16.2
Total Employment 2/	1,515.8	1,519.6	1,442.4	89,500	89,700	83,000	39,500	39,900	37,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	82,500	83,300	81,400	115,900	115,800	109,700	147,300	148,100	138,200
Total Unemployment	8,700	9,300	10,500	7,300	7,800	7,200	26,100	26,600	26,600
Percent Unemployed	10.5	11.2	12.9	6.3	6.7	6.6	17.7	18.0	19.2
Total Employment 2/	73,800	74,000	70,900	108,600	108,000	102,500	121,200	121,500	111,600
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,400	53,200	52,500	57,200	58,300	58,800	47,100	47,400	45,500
Total Unemployment	4,400	4,900	6,500	5,500	6,200	10,600	2,800	2,900	3,300
Percent Unemployed	8.4	9.2	12.4	9.6	10.6	18.0	5.9	6.1	7.3
Total Employment 2/	48,000	48,300	46,000	51,700	52,100	48,200	44,300	44,500	42,200
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	628,200	629,600	577,700	51,600	51,600	48,300	59,100	59,600	56,900
Total Unemployment	50,100	52,300	41,900	3,900	4,100	3,900	4,700	5,000	4,800
Percent Unemployed	8.0	8.3	7.3	7.6	7.9	8.1	8.0	8.4	8.4
Total Employment 2/	578,100	577,300	535,800	47,700	47,500	44,400	54,400	54,600	52,100
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,500	80,000	76,400	39,700	39,900	38,900	95,600	96,200	90,100
Total Unemployment	7,000	7,200	7,200	3,300	3,500	4,100	7,800	7,900	7,100
Percent Unemployed	8.8	9.0	9.4	8.3	8.8	10.5	8.2	8.2	7.9
Total Employment 2/	72,500	72,800	69,200	36,400	36,400	34,800	87,800	88,300	83,000
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	60,100	60,400	56,600				8,590.1	8,636.3	8,186.5
Total Unemployment	4,400	4,600	4,800				710.1	753.8	745.2
Percent Unemployed	7.3	7.6	8.5				8.3	8.7	9.1
Total Employment 2/	55,700	55,800	51,800				7,880.0	7,882.5	7,441.3

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug.± 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986	Aug.± 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986	Aug.± 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 410.18	$ 407.47	$ 401.44	41.6	41.2	41.6	$ 9.86	$ 9.89	$ 9.65
Durable Goods	407.27	396.62	395.01	41.9	41.1	41.8	9.72	9.65	9.45
Lumber & Wood Products	283.79	283.50	288.27	40.6	40.5	41.9	6.99	7.00	6.88
Furniture & Fixtures	277.22	260.95	259.78	41.5	39.3	41.9	6.68	6.64	6.20
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	388.14	393.33	392.50	42.7	42.8	44.2	9.09	9.19	8.88
Primary Metal Industries	433.24	443.92	422.00	41.3	41.8	40.0	10.49	10.62	10.55
Fabricated Metal Products	365.57	364.08	361.58	40.8	41.0	40.4	8.96	8.88	8.95
Machinery, exc. Electric	420.81	413.51	406.19	41.5	40.7	40.7	10.14	10.16	9.98
Oil Field Machinery	484.22	478.25	462.51	41.6	41.3	39.7	11.64	11.58	11.65
Electric & Electronic Equip.	457.92	442.68	421.42	43.2	42.0	42.1	10.60	10.54	10.01
Transportation Equipment	536.42	492.85	534.97	43.4	40.9	43.6	12.36	12.05	12.27
Instruments & Related Prod.	368.83	358.49	348.43	40.8	40.1	40.8	9.04	8.94	8.54
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	265.69	267.50	260.65	38.9	38.6	40.1	6.83	6.93	6.50
Nondurable Goods	414.65	420.43	411.27	41.3	41.3	41.5	10.04	10.18	9.91
Food & Kindred Products	347.36	344.86	347.62	41.8	41.3	42.6	8.31	8.35	8.16
Meat Products	282.49	283.98	278.72	41.3	41.7	41.6	6.84	6.81	6.70
Malt Beverages	839.45	919.51	892.72	47.4	51.6	51.1	17.71	17.82	17.47
Textile Mill Products	328.51	321.48	307.00	45.5	44.9	44.3	7.22	7.16	6.93
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	202.39	195.28	188.42	37.9	36.5	36.8	5.34	5.35	5.12
Paper & Allied Products	458.15	458.05	444.79	42.5	42.1	43.1	10.78	10.88	10.32
Printing & Publishing	382.40	388.09	385.49	39.1	39.4	39.7	9.78	9.85	9.71
Chemicals & Allied Products	646.05	662.49	629.16	42.7	43.3	42.8	15.13	15.30	14.70
Petroleum & Coal Products	645.22	667.04	685.54	42.9	44.0	44.2	15.04	15.16	15.51
Petroleum Refining	669.24	693.69	715.28	42.9	44.1	44.4	15.60	15.73	16.11
Leather & Leather Products	222.80	226.64	215.08	40.0	40.4	37.8	5.57	5.61	5.69
Other Nondurable Goods	389.83	394.72	383.69	43.9	44.4	43.9	8.88	8.89	8.74
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	481.85	499.15	520.99	40.8	41.7	43.2	11.81	11.97	12.06
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	552.64	546.02	488.46	45.9	45.2	42.0	12.04	12.08	11.63
Oil & Gas Extraction	476.72	496.34	523.93	40.4	41.5	43.3	11.80	11.96	12.10
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	487.12	484.27	483.19	39.7	39.5	39.9	12.27	12.26	12.11
Elec., Gas & San. Services	451.49	441.28	429.68	39.5	39.4	41.0	11.43	11.20	10.48
Wholesale & Retail Trade	232.07	228.53	227.92	33.2	32.6	32.7	6.99	7.01	6.97
Wholesale Trade	384.54	381.81	380.56	39.4	39.0	39.6	9.76	9.79	9.61
Retail Trade	186.83	182.97	180.26	31.4	30.7	30.5	5.95	5.96	5.91
General Merchandise Stores	192.40	189.44	188.55	29.6	29.6	29.6	6.50	6.40	6.37
Banking	271.43	248.16	266.58	38.5	35.3	37.6	7.05	7.03	7.09

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 408.94	$ 402.68	$ 402.05	41.9	41.3	42.5	$ 9.76	$ 9.75	$ 9.46
Durable Goods	438.44	433.67	425.15	42.9	42.6	42.6	10.22	10.18	9.98
Nondurable Goods	358.58	349.44	362.93	40.2	39.0	42.3	8.92	8.96	8.58
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	404.33	393.31	406.16	40.8	40.8	41.7	9.91	9.64	9.74
Durable Goods	426.13	407.84	427.14	40.7	40.3	42.0	10.47	10.12	10.17
Nondurable Goods	350.51	356.97	350.47	40.9	41.8	40.8	8.57	8.54	8.59
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	483.52	480.38	476.00	43.6	43.2	42.5	11.09	11.12	11.20
Durable Goods	416.98	410.92	403.92	43.8	43.3	41.9	9.52	9.49	9.64
Nondurable Goods	557.27	557.28	560.30	43.3	43.1	43.2	12.87	12.93	12.97
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	312.58	308.48	301.51	40.7	39.6	40.8	7.68	7.79	7.39
Durable Goods	340.29	340.42	326.43	39.8	39.4	40.5	8.55	8.64	8.06
Nondurable Goods	285.23	275.92	277.69	41.7	39.7	41.2	6.84	6.95	6.74

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Increased business within trucking and warehousing and water transportation pushed employment up in transportation and public utilities by 1,000 in August. Despite one airline closing during the month, air transportation was up due to vacation travel.

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Manufacturing contributed more new jobs over the month than any other major industry group, adding 5,500 positions in August. The gains were spread through both durable and nondurable goods, but over two-thirds of the increase was generated by durable goods. Every major industry group within this sector recorded at least a minimal increase in August. The largest growth was in nonelectrical machinery, where jobs were added in several sectors, including oil field machinery. The recall of workers laid off during retooling in motor vehicles pushed employment up in transportation equipment. Other notable gains occurred in fabricated metal industries and in primary metal industries. Gains and losses were interspersed in nondurable goods, with moderate-sized increases in apparel and other finished textile products and in food and kindred products overcoming smaller declines for an advance of 1,600.

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS RISE WHILE HOURLY EARNINGS DECLINE

There were an estimated 620,600 manufacturing production workers in Texas in mid-August, up 6,900 from the July figure. The average worker in August worked a 41.6-hour week at $9.86 per hour, for average weekly earnings totaling $410.18. Average weekly hours increased by 0.4 hour over the month, while average hourly earnings dropped 3¢ due to less overtime worked at premium pay. Even though average hourly earnings dropped, the advance in hours worked pushed average weekly earnings up by $2.71 in August. Compared to August 1986, average hourly earnings had risen by 21¢ but average weekly hours were unchanged. Average weekly earnings for production workers had risen by $8.74 over the year.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
2ND QUARTER 1987
April - June 1987

Abilene	$ 1,893,974
Amarillo	2,441,056
Austin	13,266,796
Beaumont-Port Arthur	9,025,373
Brazoria PMSA	3,112,145
Brownsville-Harlingen	3,683,646
Bryan-College Station	1,447,044
Corpus Christi	7,145,861
Dallas PMSA	42,099,862
El Paso	8,090,216
Fort Worth-Arlington PMSA	23,350,943
Galveston-Texas City PMSA	4,650,257
Houston PMSA	62,671,699
Killeen-Temple	2,145,229
Laredo	1,801,456
Longview-Marshall	3,129,657
Lubbock	2,152,242
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	4,912,751
Midland	2,139,540
Odessa	2,454,852
San Angelo	1,014,214
San Antonio	17,504,680
Sherman-Denison	1,681,286
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	1,060,873
Tyler	2,586,753
Victoria	1,301,102
Waco	3,680,011
Wichita Falls	2,045,205
State of Texas	277,070,290

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Aug. 1987	Aug. 1986
Total Population	16,851,000	16,695,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.2	2.7
UI Covered Employers	315,218	315,457
Total Claims Actions	600,979	816,183
Total Initial Claims Actions	60,654	81,373
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	540,325	734,810
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$155.36	$159.50
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$77,587,349	$108,318,851
Total Placements	25,553	28,338

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